

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post-office.

And whereas an additional Convention hath been lately entered into between Her Majesty and His Majesty the Emperor of the French, for improving the postal service between their respective dominions, and it is expedient for the better carrying out of the same that certain regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, and each of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant, under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, by the authority of the Statute in that case made and provided, order and direct as follows, that is to say:—

1. Every letter posted in any of the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the first column of the schedule hereunder written, addressed to any of the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the second column of such schedule, may be transmitted by the post from any of the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said first column of the said schedule to any of the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said second column of such schedule, by the several routes and means of conveyance described and set forth in the third column of such schedule, and in respect of such transmission as aforesaid, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, on every such letter, according to the weight thereof respectively, the several and respective rates of postage applicable thereto, as are specified in the said schedule.

2. If any letter transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant shall be posted in the United Kingdom or Malta addressed to France or Algeria, or shall be posted in France or Algeria addressed to the United Kingdom or Malta, or shall be posted in the United Kingdom or Malta addressed to any place in Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, at which France maintains Post-offices, or to Tunis or Tangier, or shall be posted in any place in Turkey, Syria, or Egypt at which France maintains Post-offices, or in Tunis or Tangier addressed to the United Kingdom or Malta, the transmission between the United Kingdom and any of such places respectively being otherwise than in closed mails, and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto respectively, shall represent a less amount than the rate or rates of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant if prepaid, every such letter shall be charged with postage as an unpaid letter, provided that, in the case of any such letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to France or Algeria, or posted in France or Algeria addressed to the United Kingdom, the amount of such postage paid thereon, or stamp or stamps affixed thereto, shall be allowed and deducted in charging such postage thereon.

3. The postage of every letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Malta, Constantinople, or Egypt, or posted in Malta, Constantinople, or Egypt addressed to the United Kingdom and

Malta, Constantinople, or Egypt, in a closed mail, viâ Marseilles (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by British or French packet-boat, or partly by French and partly by Italian packet-boat), or posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Gibraltar or Morocco, or posted in Gibraltar or Tangier addressed to the United Kingdom, for transmission respectively from the United Kingdom to Gibraltar or Morocco, or from Gibraltar or Tangier to the United Kingdom, in a closed mail, viâ France and Spain, shall be paid at the time of the same being posted either in money or by being stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such letter near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage-duty payable thereupon under or by virtue of this Warrant; but if any such letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Malta, Constantinople, Alexandria, Cairo, Suez, Gibraltar, or Tangier, or posted in Malta, Constantinople, Alexandria, Cairo, Suez, Gibraltar, or Tangier addressed to the United Kingdom, shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon in the mode hereinbefore required, or with a postage paid thereon in the mode hereinbefore required which shall be less in amount than the rate or rates of postage to which such letter would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the deficient postage, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

4. The several rates of postage fixed by this present Warrant on the letters transmitted by the post as hereinbefore respectively mentioned, shall be in lieu of those now chargeable by law thereon.

5. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to repeal, alter, or affect any of the rates of postage now payable upon letters sent in transit through the United Kingdom between any British colony or foreign country and France, or any foreign country viâ France, nor shall anything herein contained be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said firstly hereinbefore recited Act, nor to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen, soldiers, and others employed in Her Majesty's service now by law enjoy, of sending and receiving letters by the post, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

6. The term "by the post" used in this Warrant shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British packet-boat, and as to the conveyance between the United Kingdom and France, the said term shall also include the conveyance by private ships; and the several other terms and expressions used in this Warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning, in all respects, as they would have had if inserted in the said firstly hereinbefore recited Act.

7. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands duly made, at any time hereafter to alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the orders, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates, orders, regulations, and conditions in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

8. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy.