

places within the United Kingdom, or between the said Islands, or between the United Kingdom and the said Islands (not being Letters sent to or from parts beyond the seas), there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of four pence, without reference to the number of sheets or pieces of paper, or enclosures, of which the same may be comprised, or to the distance or number of miles the same shall be conveyed.

On all such Letters, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of postage (each additional rate being estimated at four pence) according to the scale of weight, and number of rates herein-before fixed and declared.

#### *Packet Letters.*

On all Letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted, by Packet Boat, between any place within the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, and any other of the British dominions or colonies (except the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, the Mauritius, and the East Indies), there shall be charged and taken one rate of Postage of one shilling, and if exceeding such weight, then progressive and additional rates of Postage according to the scale of weight herein-before contained, each additional rate being estimated at one shilling.

#### *Ship Letters.*

That all Letters transmitted under the authority of the Postmaster-General by private vessels or packet-boats between places in the United Kingdom, or between the United Kingdom and the said Islands, or between the said Islands, shall be considered as forwarded by the General Post between such places, and be charged accordingly.

That on all Letters transmitted by vessels not being packet-boats between the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and any place beyond the seas (except Ceylon, the Mauritius, the Cape of Good Hope, and the East Indies), there shall be charged and taken the rates of postage following (that is say), if posted at the port of departure within the United Kingdom or the said Islands, or if addressed to, and delivered at, the port of the ship's arrival within the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, one rate of eight pence; and if posted at any other place within the United Kingdom or the said Islands than the port of departure, or if addressed to, and delivered at, any other place within the United Kingdom or the said Islands than the port of the ship's arrival, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, a rate of one shilling; and if exceeding such weight, then progressive additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate at eight pence or one shilling, respectively, as the case may be.

#### *Foreign Letters.*

That on all Foreign Letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by post between the United Kingdom or the said Islands and parts

beyond the seas, and on all Colonial Letters, not exceeding that weight, transmitted by post between the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and any of Her Majesty's dominions or colonies (through France), there shall be charged and taken the same rates of British postage (both inland and packet rates); as are by law now payable in respect of single letters so transmitted, (the inland rates on such letters being charged and calculated according to the distance or number of miles the same shall be conveyed, where the same are now so charged and calculated), and on every letter so transmitted, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of inland and packet postage according to the scale of weight hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each rate at the amount now payable for every such single letter, and charging the inland rates as aforesaid.

#### *East India Letters.*

That on all Letters transmitted between the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, the Mauritius, or the East Indies, there shall be charged and taken the like rates of sea postage as are now by law payable in respect of such letters, and also the like rates for the inland conveyance of such letters within the United Kingdom and the said Islands as would be payable if such letters had been transmitted by post within the United Kingdom or the said Islands, exclusively, according to the scale of weight and rates hereinbefore fixed and declared.

AND we order and direct, that all additional rates now payable by law on letters transmitted by post, to or from Ireland, by way of Holyhead, in respect of the Menai Bridge, and by way of Conway and Chester, in respect of Conway Bridge, and by way of Milford and Waterford, and also the additional rate of one halfpenny on letters conveyed by the post in any part of Scotland by a mail carriage with more than two wheels, shall, on and after the said fifth day of December next, be wholly remitted, and shall cease to be payable.

That all additional rates for Letters originally sent by the General Post, to places within the United Kingdom or the said Islands, directed beyond the limits of the delivery of the General Post, and delivered by any Twopenny Post or Penny Post, or originally sent by any Twopenny or Penny Post, and afterwards passing through the General Post, shall be remitted and cease to be payable, except on letters franked or exempted by law from the General Post rates, but subject to the Twopenny or Penny Post rates, which letters shall still continue liable to, and chargeable with, the Twopenny and Penny Post rates, when transmitted by any such Post.

That on all Letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not being by law specially exempted from the Twopenny and Penny Post rates, transmitted by any Twopenny or Penny Post, in London or Dublin, (and not having passed through, or being intended to pass through, the General Post,) there shall, on and after the said fifth day of December next, be charged and taken a rate of one penny only,