

which, on or after that day, shall be posted in any town or place within the United Kingdom, or shall be brought from parts beyond the seas to any port or place within the United Kingdom, or shall be sent between the United Kingdom and places beyond the seas, or between any of the other places hereinafter mentioned, shall be subject to the several regulations and rates hereinafter contained.

And we further order and direct, that Letters transmitted by the Post shall not in future be charged with the British rates of postage, according to the number of inclosures, but by weight, as hereinafter mentioned.

And we hereby fix and limit the following scale of weight of Letters to be transmitted by the Post, and we subject such Letters, on and after the said 10th day of January 1840, to the following rates of Postage (that is to say):

On every Letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken one rate of postage.

On every Letter, exceeding half an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken two rates of postage.

On every Letter, exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken four rates of postage.

On every Letter, exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken six rates of postage.

And on every Letter, exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage; and every fraction of an ounce, above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as one additional ounce.

And we order and direct, that no Letter exceeding sixteen ounces in weight shall, in any case, be forwarded by the Post between places within the United Kingdom, except addresses to Her Majesty, Parliamentary petitions, printed votes and proceedings in Parliament, Letters addressed to, or despatched by, any of the Government offices or departments, or any public officer having now the privilege of franking by virtue of his office, deeds, if transmitted under all such regulations and restrictions as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time appoint, and letters to and from places beyond the seas.

And we hereby fix and limit the following rates of Postage to be paid to Her Majesty's Postmaster-General for the use of Her Majesty, on Letters posted and transmitted by the Post, on and after the 10th day of January 1840; and we order and direct the same to be charged and paid accordingly; that is to say:

Inland Letters.

On all Letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the Post, between places within the United Kingdom (not being Letters sent to or from parts beyond the seas), there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one penny, 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; and that 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 one penny), according to the scale of weight and number of rates herebefore fixed and declared; provided, that such postage of one penny, and such progressive and additional postage be pre-paid at the time of posting such Letters; but, in case such postage on any such Letters shall not be pre-paid when posted, there shall be charged on such Letters a postage of double the amount to which such Letters would otherwise have been liable under this present warrant.

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

Colonial Letters, by Packet.

That on all Letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted between any place within the United Kingdom, wherever situate, and any other of the British dominions or colonies, by packet boat, and not through France (including, however, Letters to and from the East Indies by way of Falmouth and Alexandria), there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of British postage of one shilling; and, if exceeding such weight, then progressive and additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates herebefore contained, each additional rate being estimated at one shilling.

Ship Letters.

That on all letters transmitted by vessels not being packet boats, between the United Kingdom and any place beyond the seas (including Ceylon, the Mauritius, the Cape of Good Hope, and the East Indies), there shall be charged and taken for British postage the rates following, at whatever place within the United Kingdom the same may be posted or delivered, that is to say, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight, one uniform rate of eightpence; and if exceeding such weight, then progressive and additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight, and number of rates herebefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate at eightpence.

Foreign Letters.

That on all letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by post,

Between any part of the United Kingdom and France, or any other Foreign country through France (Letters to and from any of Her Majesty's colonies or dominions excepted), there shall be charged and taken uniform rates of postage of the like amounts, as are now payable by law on single Letters transmitted between London and any such Foreign country.

Between the United Kingdom and Foreign parts (except France and any Foreign country through France), or between the United Kingdom and any of Her Majesty's colonies or dominions through a