

otherwise in respect of such single Letters; and on any such Letters exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and paid the progressive additional rates according to the scale of weight and number of rates hereinbefore contained; estimating and charging each additional rate at the amount payable according to the existing rates for every such single Letter.

That with reference to the existing Treaties between His late Majesty King William the Fourth, Her present Majesty, and His Majesty the King of the French, Letters between the United Kingdom and France may be sent without being pre-paid; but in all other cases of Letters sent out of the United Kingdom, it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General to require the postage thereof to be paid by the sender on the tender or delivery of such Letters at the Post-office, or other place appointed by the Postmaster-General for the receipt of such Letters for the purpose of transmission by the Post (subject, nevertheless, to the regulations and enactments in this respect contained in the Act of the first Victoria, cap. 34, sec. 14).

And we order and direct; that all additional rates at any time heretofore 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 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, directed beyond the limits of the delivery of the General Post; and delivered by any twopenny or penny or convention Post, or originally sent by any twopenny or penny or convention Post, and afterwards passing through the General Post, shall also be remitted and cease to be payable.

That on and after the said 10th day of January next, the privilege of sending and receiving Letters by the post free of postage, whether Parliamentary, official, or of any other description whatsoever (except as hereinafter provided), as well under an Act, passed in the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled "An Act for regulating the sending and receiving of Letters and packets by the post free from the duty of postage" (being the 1 Vict. c. 35), as under any other Act or Acts now in force, or under any other authority whatsoever, shall be wholly suspended during the time this Warrant shall be in force; and that all Letters to which any such privileges now extend (except as aforesaid), shall thenceforth be charged, and chargeable with the like rates as any other Letters transmitted by the post will be chargeable with, under or by virtue of this present Warrant.

That the printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, and printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, may be forwarded by the Post between places in the United Kingdom, or between the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's colonies (but not through France,

nor to the East Indies, via Falmouth and Alexandria), subject, nevertheless, to all the regulations and restrictions in force under the said Act of the 1st Victoria, cap. 34, which votes and proceedings shall be charged with the rates of postage following (that is to say):

If not exceeding two ounces in weight there shall be charged and paid a rate of one penny.

If exceeding two ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and paid a rate of two pence.

And for every additional two ounces in weight above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged an additional rate of postage of one penny.

And every fraction of an ounce above the weight of two ounces shall be charged an additional rate of postage of one penny; provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General (if he shall see fit), to delay the transmission of any such printed votes or proceedings, for any space of time, not exceeding twenty-four hours from the time at which such votes and proceedings would otherwise have been forwarded.

That the privilege of forwarding addresses to Her Majesty free of postage, and the privilege, by the said Act of the 1st Victoria, c. 35, granted to Members of each House of Parliament, of receiving petitions addressed to either House of Parliament, not exceeding six ounces each in weight, free of postage, and all the privileges and exemptions by law granted in respect of printed British newspapers duly stamped, and of foreign newspapers, and of colonial newspapers (including those of the islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, Man, and the Ionian Islands), whether stamped or not, and letters to and from soldiers and seamen employed in Her Majesty's service abroad, and transmitted to and from the United Kingdom (provided that such Letters do not exceed half an ounce in weight), shall continue in force, subject to the existing regulations and liabilities respecting the same.

That if any such printed votes or proceedings, Parliamentary petitions, printed newspapers and letters of soldiers and seamen, shall become chargeable with and liable to the full Letter rates of Postage, such rates (and the treble duty on newspapers in such cases as the same shall by law become payable), shall be charged and taken according to the scale of weight and rates hereinbefore specified.

That, except in the cases hereinbefore specified, all privileges whatsoever of sending Letters free of Postage, or at a reduced rate of Postage, shall be wholly suspended, during the time this present warrant shall be in operation: provided that the letters of owners, charterers, and consignees (resident in the United Kingdom) of vessels inward bound, and the owners, consignees, and shippers of goods on board vessels outward bound, shall have the like exemption from Postage as such Letters are now entitled to, under the provisions of the first Victoria, cap. 34, and that printed colonial newspapers, not stamped, may be brought into the United Kingdom by packet boats free of Postage.

Provided always, and we hereby declare, that nothing in this warrant contained shall extend to