

between any place within the United Kingdom 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), And 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,) And 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 or from any of Her Majesty's colonies or dominions excepted), And 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 foreign country, or between any ports, islands, or places out of the United Kingdom, there should be charged and taken the several rates of British postage therein mentioned or referred to.

And that on every letter so transmitted (except letters chargeable with uniform rates of postage), which should be posted within the United Kingdom at any other place than the port of departure of the packet by which the same should be forwarded, or which should be addressed or delivered at any other place within the United Kingdom, than the port at which the packet bringing the same should arrive, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, an inland rate of twopence should be charged and taken in addition to the rate of British postage then payable thereon.

And that on every letter so transmitted as thereinbefore respectively mentioned, exceeding half an ounce in weight (letters on which uniform rates were payable as aforesaid included), there should be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of British postage, according to the scale of weight and number of rates thereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate at the amount thereinbefore directed to be charged and taken on every letter so transmitted, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, and charging the inland rate (if any) as aforesaid.

And whereas by another warrant, under the hands of three of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 31st day of January now last, the said Lords Commissioners, in exercise of the power in them for such purpose vested by the said Act of Parliament, ordered and directed that on all printed votes, and proceedings, of the Imperial Parliament, forwarded by post between places in the United Kingdom, or between the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's Colonies, on, or after the 11th day of February then next, subject, nevertheless, to all the regulations and restrictions in force respecting such votes and proceedings, under the Act of the 1st Vict. cap. 34, there should be charged and paid the rates of postage therein specified.

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have determined, that all letters, and printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, posted in the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post free of postage, if duly

stamped or having a stamp affixed thereto, in manner hereinafter provided.

Now, we the undersigned, being three of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said Act, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, order and direct, that this present warrant shall come into operation on the 6th day of May next: And we hereby direct, that all letters, printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, which, on or after that day shall be posted in any town, or place, within the United Kingdom, shall, if written on stamped paper, or enclosed in stamped covers, or having a stamp or stamps affixed thereto (the stamp or stamps in every such case being the value or amount hereinafter expressed, and specially provided under the authority of the said Act as hereinafter directed, and if the stamp shall not have been used before), pass by post free of postage as hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):

In case any such letter shall be directed to any place within the United Kingdom, the stamp or stamps thereon shall be equal in value or amount to the rates of postage to which such letters would be liable under the said warrant of the 27th day of December last, if pre-paid.

In case any such letters shall be addressed to any other of the British Dominions or Colonies, or to any foreign country, the stamp or stamps thereon shall be equal in value or amount to the rates of British postage, to which such letters would have been liable under the said warrant of the 27th day of December last.

And on all such printed votes and proceedings of Parliament, the stamp or stamps shall be equal in value or amount to the rates of postage to which such votes and proceedings would have been liable under the said warrant of the 31st day of January last.

And we further order and direct, that in all cases in which the same shall be necessary, in order to place on any such letters, printed votes, or proceedings of Parliament, the full amount of stamps hereby required as aforesaid, there shall be affixed thereto such a number of adhesive stamps, as alone, or in combination with the stamp on such letter or packet, or on the envelope or cover thereof, will be equal in amount to the rates of postage to which such letters, printed votes, or proceedings of Parliament, would be liable under the said warrants of the 27th day of December, and 31st day of January, now last, respectively as aforesaid.

That in all cases in which letters addressed to places within the United Kingdom shall be posted without any stamp thereon, and without the postage being pre-paid, there shall be charged on such letters the postage to which such letters would be liable under the said warrant of the 27th day of December last; and in all cases in which printed votes, or proceedings of Parliament, addressed to places within the United Kingdom, shall be posted without any stamp thereon, there shall be charged on such votes, and proceedings, the postage to which the same would be liable under the said warrant of the 31st day of January last.