

That in all cases in which any letters addressed to places within the United Kingdom shall be posted having thereon or affixed thereto any stamp or stamps, the value or amount of which shall be less than the rate of postage to which such letters would be liable under the said warrant of the 27th day of December last if pre-paid, there shall be charged on such letters a postage of double the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps and the postage to which such letter would be liable as aforesaid if pre-paid.

And in all cases in which any votes or proceedings of Parliament addressed to places within the United Kingdom shall be posted, having thereon or affixed thereto any stamp or stamps, the value or amount of which shall be less than the rate of postage to which such votes and proceedings would be liable under the said warrant of the 31st of January last, there shall be charged on such votes or proceedings, a postage equal to the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps, and the postage to which such votes or proceedings would be liable as aforesaid.

Provided always, that it shall in all cases be optional with the parties sending any letters, printed votes, or proceedings of Parliament by the post, to forward the same, free of postage, by means of a proper stamp or stamps thereon, or affixed thereto, in manner hereinbefore provided, or to forward the same in like manner, as the same might have been forwarded before the signing of this present warrant.

But in case any letters or printed votes or proceedings of Parliament, addressed to places out of the United Kingdom shall have thereon or affixed thereto, any stamp or stamps, being less in value or amount than the rates of postage, to which such letters or such votes or proceedings would be liable under the said warrants of the 27th day of December and 31st day of January last respectively, such letters, or printed votes, or proceedings of Parliament, shall not, in any case, be forwarded by the post, but shall, so far as may be practicable, be returned to the senders thereof, through the dead letter office.

Provided also, 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 stamped or 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 either that such letters shall be duly and properly stamped as herein directed, or that the postage thereof shall be paid by the sender on the tender or delivery of such letters at the Post Office, or other places 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 of Vict., cap. 34, sec. 14.)

Provided also, that the transmission of printed votes and proceedings of Parliament by the post, shall be subject to all the regulations and restrictions in force under the said Act of the first of Victoria, cap. 34, and the said warrant of the 31st of January last.

And we further order and direct, that in any case in which a stamp shall be placed on any letter, or printed votes or proceedings of Parliament, or affixed thereto, which shall have been used before, the same shall have no force or effect whatsoever.

And we further order and direct the Commissioners of Stamps and Taxes, from time to time, to provide proper and sufficient dies, or other implements, for expressing and denoting rates or duties of one penny and twopence for the purposes hereinbefore directed.

And we further order and direct, that the terms and expressions used in this present warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning, in all respects, as they would have had if inserted in the said warrant of the 27th day of December last.

Provided lastly, and we hereby declare, that it shall be lawful for the Lords Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant under their hands at any time hereafter, to rescind, vary, or alter, all or any of the regulations and directions herein contained, and to make, establish, and declare any new or other regulations and directions respecting the sending by the post of letters written on stamped paper, or enclosed in stamped covers, or having a stamp affixed thereto, in manner provided by the said Act made and passed in the last session of Parliament, as they shall deem expedient.

As witness our hands this 24th day of April 1840.

F. T. BARING.  
THOS. WYSE.  
H. TUFNELL.

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