

Treasury, by warrant, under their hands, shall from time to time direct.

And whereas it is expedient that the rates of postage to be taken in the colony of New Zealand should be fixed and settled.

Now we, the undersigned, being three of the 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, direct that all letters transmitted by the post between places within the said colony of New Zealand shall be charged by weight, according to the following scale, and that the several numbers of rates of postage hereinafter set forth shall be charged and paid on letters transmitted by the post between places within the said colony (that is to say);

On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, one rate of postage.

On every letter exceeding half an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every letter exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, 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 that no letter exceeding sixteen ounces in weight shall be forwarded by the post between places within the said colony, except deeds, law proceedings, and law papers posted at such places within such hours, and under all such regulations as the Postmaster General, or his deputy in the said colony, shall appoint; and also except letters to and from places beyond the sea, and letters to and from the Governor, or any of the Government offices or departments.

And we further direct that the following rates of postage shall be charged and paid on letters transmitted by the post between places within the said colony, whether sent by water or land (that is to say);

On all letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight transmitted by the post, between places within the said colony (except letters sent to or from places beyond the seas posted or delivered at the port at which they may be landed, or from which they may be dispatched, but including letters sent to or from places beyond the seas, posted or delivered at any place within the said colony, other than the port at which they may be landed, or from which they may be dispatched), there shall be charged an uniform rate of fourpence 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 we further direct, that on all letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, brought into the

colony of New Zealand, otherwise than in the regular mail bags, whether from the United Kingdom or any of Her Majesty's colonies, at which the Postmaster General may have no agents or deputy postmasters, or from any foreign countries; and on all letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight brought to the said colony by vessels arriving from the United Kingdom, or any of the British colonies, without having previously passed through any post office subordinate to the Postmaster General, and which shall not have previously been subjected to any charge of ship-letter postage, there shall be charged and paid, in addition to any rate of inland postage to which such letters may respectively be liable for conveyance by the post within the said colony, a sea postage of four pence.

And we further direct, that on all letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, brought into any of Her Majesty's colonies, at which a post office has been or shall be established by the Postmaster General, and which not having already passed through any post office subordinate to the Postmaster General, shall not have previously been subjected to any charge of ship letter postage, there shall be charged and paid, in addition to any rate of inland postage to which such letters may be liable for conveyance by the post within such colonies, a sea postage of four pence.

And we further direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by any of Her Majesty's packet boats, intermediately between any places (other than the British colonies) in the West Indies, and North or South America, there shall be charged and paid a packet rate of one shilling.

And we further direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by packet boats, between any port in the United Kingdom, and any port or place on the northern or eastern coast of the Isthmus of Panama in South America, there shall be charged and paid a packet rate of one shilling.

And we further direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by packet boats, intermediately between any ports or places situate on the southern or western coast of Panama, or on the western coast of South America, there shall be charged and paid, in addition to all other rates to which such letters may be liable, a packet rate of one shilling.

And we further direct, that on every letter transmitted or conveyed, as is mentioned in this warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates in the said Act contained, as to letters estimating and charging each additional rate, at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this warrant, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

And we further direct, that the Postmaster General may allow to masters of vessels a sum not exceeding two pence for every letter brought by them, otherwise than in the regular mail bags, and without having previously passed through any post office subordinate to the Postmaster General, to any post office established by the Postmaster General in any