

dominions and another part of the same dominions, or between Her Majesty's dominions and foreign parts, or between one port in any foreign country and another port in the same or any other foreign country where post communications shall be established, and where rates of postage have not hitherto been authorized by law; and also to charge on all letters conveyed by any vessels to or from any of the colonies, or between any of the colonies, or between any of the colonies and a foreign port; and on all letters which shall be brought by the master of any vessel to the post office in any of the colonies, such rates of postage as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by warrant under their hands, shall from time to time direct.

And by the same Act, power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British or inland postage, payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters, or newspapers, or any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such warrant; and from time to time by warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and to make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof; and by warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates that might be payable, were to be paid; and it is provided, that the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage, should extend to any increase or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas by a warrant under the hands of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 1st day of September 1840, the said Commissioners did, in exercise of the power for such purpose vested in them by the said recited Act, amongst other things, direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, conveyed by any of Her Majesty's packet boats, between any Foreign ports in South America, or between the island of Madeira and the Canary islands, or between the island of Madeira or the Canary islands and any port in South America, there should be charged and taken a packet rate of one shilling; and by another warrant under the hands of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 31st day of August last, the said Commissioners did, in exercise of such power as aforesaid, 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 should be charged and paid a packet rate of one shilling; and further, 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 should be charged and paid a packet rate of one shilling; and further, 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 should be charged and paid, in

addition to all other rates to which such letters might be liable, a packet rate of one shilling; and by the said respective warrants, progressive and additional rates of postage were made chargeable on such letters as aforesaid, if exceeding half an ounce in weight; and in each of the said warrants, power is reserved to the Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant, under their hands at any time thereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates thereby altered, or the regulations thereby made, and to establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid.

And whereas it is expedient, that further regulations should be made for the transmission of letters between the countries and places aforesaid.

Now we, the undersigned, being three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said recited warrants, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf by this warrant, under our hands, order and direct, that from and after the 31st day of December instant, all the hereinbefore mentioned rates of postage imposed and made payable on the letters aforesaid by the said recited warrants shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

And whereas, by the said recited Act, a packet rate of two shillings and one penny is made payable on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by packet boats, between a port in the United Kingdom and any port in Colombia or Mexico, and a packet rate of one shilling is also made payable on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by packet boats, between any ports in the British possessions in the West Indies, and any port in Colombia or Mexico; and by the same Act, progressive and additional rates are made chargeable on such letters if exceeding half an ounce in weight.

And whereas certain states, formerly part of Columbia and Mexico, or one of them, are now known by the names of Central America, Venezuela, and New Grenada.

Now we, the undersigned 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 recited Act, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf by this warrant under our hands, direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by packet boat between the places mentioned in the schedule hereto, there shall be charged and paid in lieu of any rates heretofore chargeable on such letters, the several rates of British postage mentioned and specified in such schedule with reference to such places respectively.

And we further direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between any place (wheresoever situate) within the United Kingdom and any port or place on the Isthmus of Panama (conveyed between the United Kingdom and the said Isthmus by packet boat), there shall be charged and taken in lieu of the rates heretofore payable on such letters, an uniform rate