

and Venezuela direct by private ship, there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of British postage of eight pence.

And we direct, that the Postmaster-General may require the postage on letters sent from the United Kingdom to Venezuela, whether by packet boat or private ship, to be paid on the same being put into the Post Office.

And we direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Venezuela and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (conveyed direct by packet boat or private ship between the United Kingdom and Venezuela), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters if conveyed between the United Kingdom and Venezuela by packet boat, an uniform rate of British postage of one shilling for the conveyance of every such letter between Venezuela and any part of the United Kingdom, and if by private ship a uniform rate of British postage of eight pence for the conveyance of any such letter between Venezuela and any part of the United Kingdom; and there shall be also charged on all such letters, whether conveyed by packet boat or private ship, such a further or additional rate of British postage for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom, of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and such colony or foreign country.

And we direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Venezuela and the British colonies, conveyed direct by packet boat or private ship between Venezuela and any such colony, without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of British postage of four pence.

And we direct, that as to any such last-mentioned letters posted in the British colonies, the Postmaster-General may require the postage thereof to be paid on the same being put into the Post Office.

And we further direct, that on every letter transmitted as hereinbefore in this warrant is mentioned, 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 direct, that the letters and dispatches of the Government of Venezuela, to or

from its diplomatic agents in England, if forwarded by the regular mail bags, whether by packet boat or private ship, shall be conveyed free of all charge of British postage; provided, that this privilege shall be confined to letters and dispatches received from, or addressed to, the Government of Venezuela, by the Minister of the Republic in England, or by the Consuls of Venezuela in London, Liverpool, or Falmouth, respectively; provided also, that the weight of letters and dispatches sent to or from any one of such privileged persons by any one packet boat or private ship, free of British postage, shall not exceed eighty ounces; and that if such letters and dispatches by any one packet boat or private ship to or from any one such privileged person shall exceed the weight of eighty ounces, the excess above eighty ounces shall be charged with the like rate of postage as would under this warrant be chargeable if such letters and dispatches had not been sent to or from such privileged person; the postage on which excess as to letters and dispatches posted in the United Kingdom the Postmaster-General may require to be paid on the same being put into the Post Office; provided also, that all such letters and dispatches to be entitled to be conveyed free of postage, if sent from England, shall bear the official seal of the Minister of the said Republic in England, or of the Consul of Venezuela in London, Liverpool, or Falmouth, respectively, and shall be addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Carracas, and, if sent from Venezuela, shall bear the official seal of such Minister of Foreign Affairs.

And we direct, that letters passing between the United Kingdom and Venezuela, landed at the island of Saint Thomas, in the West Indies, and sent on from thence to Venezuela or the United Kingdom, shall be charged with the same rate of postage only as would, under this warrant, have been chargeable thereon, if the same had been sent direct between Venezuela and the United Kingdom.

And we direct, that such printed newspapers as are hereinafter mentioned may be sent by the post free of postage, or at the rates of postage hereinafter set forth (that is to say);

British newspapers sent direct from the United Kingdom to Venezuela, if by packet boat, free.

If by private ship, on payment of one penny each. Newspapers published in Venezuela, if in the language of that country, and sent from thence direct to any part of the United Kingdom, if by packet boat, free.

If by private ship, on payment of one penny each.

If any British newspapers addressed to Venezuela, or if any newspapers of Venezuela printed in the language of that country, and addressed to any place in the United Kingdom, shall be landed at the said island of Saint Thomas, and sent on from thence to their place of destination, the same shall be considered as having passed direct between Venezuela and the United Kingdom, and be free of postage or chargeable with postage accordingly, as the case may be.