

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, by warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or of 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 make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof; and, from time to time, by warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid; and it is provided, that the power thereby given should extend to any increase or reduction or remission of postage:

And whereas, in consequence of a communication opened with the Post-office of Prussia, it is considered expedient to alter the rates of postage payable on letters and newspapers, and other printed papers, conveyed between that country and the United Kingdom via Hamburg, the Netherlands, or Belgium:

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 recited Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling us in that behalf, direct that on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to any part of Prussia, and transmitted between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Prussia, and on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted between any foreign country through Prussia and any place in the United Kingdom (the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Hamburg, or the Netherlands, or Belgium, by packet boat or 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 six pence.

And we direct, that on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to any part of Prussia, transmitted by the post between Prussia and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom; and on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted between any foreign country, through Prussia, and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Hamburg, or the Netherlands, or Belgium, by packet boat or 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 six pence for the conveyance of every such letter

between Hamburg, the Netherlands, or Belgium, and any part of the United Kingdom, and also 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 as to any such letters as hereinbefore mentioned (registered letters excepted, in respect of which all rates of postage payable thereon, whether colonial, foreign, or British, are, in every case, to be pre-paid), posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Prussia, and forwarded by packet boat from the United Kingdom via Hamburg, the Netherlands, or Belgium; and as to any such letters as hereinbefore mentioned, posted in the United Kingdom (except registered letters as aforesaid), addressed and to be forwarded to any foreign country through Prussia by packet boat or private ship from the United Kingdom to Hamburg, the Netherlands, or Belgium; and as to any such letters as hereinbefore mentioned, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies where posts have been, or shall be, established by the Postmaster General (except registered letters as aforesaid), addressed to Prussia, and forwarded by packet boat from the United Kingdom to Hamburg, the Netherlands, or Belgium; and as to any such letters as hereinbefore mentioned, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies where posts have been, or shall be, established as aforesaid (except registered letters as aforesaid), addressed and to be forwarded to any foreign country through Prussia by packet boat or private ship, from the United Kingdom to Hamburg, the Netherlands, or Belgium, the Postmaster General may, in his discretion, allow the whole of the postage thereof (colonial, British, or foreign, as the case may be) to be charged to the receiver of the letter, or he may require the whole of such postage to be paid on the same being put into the post-office; but in no case shall the sender have the option of paying the British, or the colonial and British rates, as the case may be, and of leaving the foreign postage to be paid in Prussia.

And we further direct, that as to any such letters as hereinbefore mentioned, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Prussia, and as to any such letters as hereinbefore mentioned, posted in Her Majesty's colonies where posts have been, or shall be, established as aforesaid, addressed to Prussia, and to be respectively forwarded from the United Kingdom to Hamburg, the Netherlands, or Belgium by private ship, the Postmaster General may cause the whole of the postage (colonial, foreign, or British, as the case may be) to be paid on the same being put into the post-office.