

regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post.

And whereas by an Act, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post-office," the proviso concerning the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, as fixed in and by the said first-mentioned Act is repealed, and in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times thereafter, by warrant under their hands, to fix a maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight, wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum of weight in lieu thereof, and all letters are to be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post in conformity with any such warrant, and also in conformity with and under and subject to all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall, from time to time, direct. And by the said Act power is also given to the Postmaster-General to collect and receive the foreign and colonial postage charged or chargeable on any letters sent by the post; and also with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to require the postage, British, colonial, or foreign, of any letters sent by the post to be pre-paid, either in money or in stamps, as he may think fit, on the same being put into the Post-office: and also with such consent to abolish or restrict the pre-payment in money, of postage on letters sent by the post, either altogether or on certain letters, and to require the pre-payment thereof to be in stamps, and to refuse to receive or send by the post any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made. And it is also declared and enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the post-office, to detain any letters which shall be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations of that Act, or the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant, to be issued under or by virtue of that Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the said first-mentioned Act, and to open such letters, and either to return them to the senders thereof or to forward them to the places of their destination, charged in either case with such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct.

Now we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, by this warrant, under our hands, order and direct that printed books, printed magazines, printed reviews, and printed pamphlets, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the East Indies, or posted in the East Indies addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and the East Indies, subject to the several regulations and rates hereinafter contained; that is to say:

On every packet consisting of a single printed

book, or printed magazine, or printed review, or printed pamphlet, the several sheets or parts of which, when more than one, shall be sewed or bound together, if not exceeding half a pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding half a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one shilling.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound, and not exceeding two pounds in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of two shillings.

And on every such packet, if exceeding two pounds, and not exceeding three pounds in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of three shillings.

And we further order and direct, that no such packet, if exceeding the weight of three pounds or containing more than one printed book, or printed magazine, or printed review, or printed pamphlet, or containing any paper or thing besides a printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, or containing any printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, the several sheets or parts of which, when more than one, shall not be sewed or bound together, or which packet, in length, or breadth, or width, or depth, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet or twenty-four inches, shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions aforesaid.

And we further order and direct, that as to any packet hereinbefore authorized to be sent by the post, under the provisions aforesaid, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, the postage thereof shall, in every case, be pre-paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper British postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall, in every case, be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon under or by virtue of this warrant; and as to any such packet posted in the East Indies, the postage thereof shall, in every case, be pre-paid, either in money or by the proper colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto at the time of the same being posted.

And we further order and direct, that every such packet shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover or envelope, open at the ends or sides, and shall contain printed matter only with the binding thereof, and there shall be no writing or marks upon the cover or envelope thereof, or upon or within any part of the contents thereof, other than the name and address of the person to whom the packet shall be sent.

And in order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, we further direct, that it shall be lawful for any officer of the Post-office in the United Kingdom, to delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post, under the provisions of this warrant, for the space of twenty-four hours from the time at which (or at his option, until the dispatch of the mail next after that by which) the same ought otherwise to have been forwarded by him.

And we further direct, that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to interfere with or affect the transmission by the post, of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or of printed votes and proceedings of the colonial legislatures, nor of printed papers or