

public office from which the same shall be forwarded, together with the name of any public officer, employed in or belonging to any such department or office who may be authorised to affix his name to letters and packets sent by the post, as a certificate that they are on the public service, notwithstanding the prohibition in the said several Warrants respectively in that behalf contained.

2. And we further order and direct that it shall not be necessary for the postage of any such packet, sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent, by the post, from any such department or office as hereinbefore mentioned; to be pre-paid by British stamps when posted; but every such packet shall be forwarded post-paid, and the postage thereof shall be charged in the postage account between the General Post-office and the department or office from which the packet shall be sent.

3. And we further order and direct that if any such packet, sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent, by the post, from any such department or office as hereinbefore mentioned, shall have any writing or marks upon the same, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, except the name and address of the person to whom it is forwarded, and the words "On Her Majesty's Service," and the name of the department or public office from which the same shall be forwarded, with the name of any public officer, employed in or belonging to any such department or office, who may be authorised to affix his name to letters and packets sent by the post, as a certificate that they are on the public service, the same shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, and, at the option of the Postmaster General, shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such last-mentioned packet, on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

And whereas by the said Warrants, dated the 6th day of February, 1852, the 6th day of May, 1852, the 24th day of January, 1853, and the 9th day of March, 1853, it was declared that the term "by the post," used therein, should include the conveyance from and to the United Kingdom, to and from Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, and New South Wales, through Egypt, so long as no transit rate of postage were payable thereon.

4. Now we further direct that the term "by the post," used in the said last-mentioned Warrants respectively, shall no longer include the conveyance through Egypt; and that no packets transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, or New South Wales, under such respective Warrants, shall be sent through Egypt; and that any packets transmitted by the post from Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, or New South Wales to the United Kingdom under the said respective Warrants, *via* Egypt, shall be charged and chargeable with the full letter rates of postage.

5. And we further direct, that in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law, on printed newspapers, printed prices current, printed commercial lists and courses of exchange (British, Colonial, or Foreign), transmitted by the post between France and the East Indies, or China, or Australia, without passing through the United Kingdom, the same shall be chargeable with a British rate of one halfpenny each, provided the sea conveyance be by packet-boat and they be forwarded in conformity with all the conditions,

regulations, and restrictions in the said Act, passed in the 4th year of the reign of Her present Majesty contained, in respect of printed newspapers sent by the post; and if not so forwarded, we direct that the same shall be charged with the full letter rates of postage.

And whereas, by a Warrant under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 10th day of June, 1853, it was directed, amongst other things, that the rate of postage chargeable under the regulations of such Warrant on any publication posted within the United Kingdom should be pre-paid on the same being posted, not in money, but by a postage stamp affixed outside the publication, or the band or cover thereof.

6. Now we do further direct, that the rate of postage chargeable under the regulations of the said last-mentioned Warrant, on any publication sent by the post of any post town in the United Kingdom, addressed to a person within the limits of the same post town, may, at the option of the sender, be pre-paid, on the same being posted, by a postage stamp affixed outside the publication, or the band or cover thereof; or if such publication be posted at the Chief Office in London, before 5 p.m. in the day, addressed to any person within the limits of the free delivery of that office, the postage thereof may, at the option of the sender, be pre-paid, on the same being posted, either in money or by a postage stamp affixed as aforesaid; and if the postage of any such respective publication as hereinbefore in this clause mentioned be not so pre-paid as aforesaid, the same shall be charged to the person to whom the publication shall be addressed, and that the rate of postage chargeable under the regulations of the said last-mentioned Warrant on any publication posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to a foreign country, or to any of Her Majesty's colonies, shall be pre-paid on the same being posted, either in money or by a postage stamp affixed outside the publication, or the band or cover thereof.

7. And we further order and direct, that if the postage chargeable under the regulations of the said recited Warrant of the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, on any publication posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to a foreign country, or to any of Her Majesty's Colonies, which by virtue of this Warrant is required to be pre-paid, on the same being posted, either in money or by a postage stamp affixed outside the publication, or the band or cover thereof, shall not be so pre-paid, on the same being posted, every such last-mentioned publication or packet shall be detained and sent to the Dead Letter Office, to be treated in the same manner as if it were a newspaper sent to that office for a similar cause.

8. And we further order and direct, that in case any publication shall be sent by the post under the said recited Warrant of the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, from one town or place to another town or place within the United Kingdom, or by the post of any post town in the United Kingdom, addressed to a person within the limits of the same post-town, in a band or cover open at the sides or ends, with any word or communication printed on such band or cover, or any writing or marks upon it, except the name and address of the person to whom sent, and the printed name and address of the newsvender who shall send it, every such publication or packet (in lieu of any postage to which the same would be liable under the said last-mentioned Warrant) shall be charged and chargeable