

Warrant under our hands, direct, that on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels in the Baltic Sea or the adjacent waters (the sea conveyance being by packet boat) there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform British rate of sixpence.

And we direct, that on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels in the Baltic sea, or the adjacent waters, and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (the conveyance between any such ships or vessels and the United Kingdom being by packet-boat) there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, the rates of British postage following; that is to say:

For the conveyance of every such letter between the Baltic or the adjacent waters and any port of the United Kingdom, a rate of sixpence, and 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, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters 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 any such colony or foreign country.

And we direct, that on every letter transmitted as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say:

On every such letter exceeding half an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every such letter exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every such letter exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such letter exceeding three ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage; and every fraction of an ounce above the weight of four ounces shall be charged as one additional ounce; and each progressive and additional rate, chargeable under this clause, shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

And we further direct that all printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, sent by private ships from the United Kingdom to any of the colonies next hereinafter mentioned (direct or through any other colony or through any foreign country), that is to say: Canada, Prince Edward Island, Bermuda, Saint Helena, the Gold Coast, Ceylon, Antigua, Grenada, Barbice, Demerara, Trinidad, Carriacou, Tobago, Montserrat, Nevis Tortola, Dominica, Saint Kitts, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, Jamaica, Bahamas, Honduras, Malta, Gibraltar, and Hong Kong, and all

printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, sent by private ships from any of such colonies to the United Kingdom, direct or through any other colony or foreign country, shall, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law thereon, be charged and chargeable with the same rates of British postage as under, or by virtue of a certain Warrant, under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, would be chargeable on such respective votes and proceedings, if the same were letters.

And we further direct that nothing in this Warrant contained shall in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's Service, and seamen and soldiers employed in the service of the East India Company, now by law enjoy, of sending and receiving by the post letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

And we further direct that the term "packet boat" used in this Warrant shall include not only a ship of war, but also any vessel chartered or hired, or in any manner employed for or in Her Majesty's service; and that the several other terms and expressions used in this Warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning, in all respects, as they would have had if inserted in the said recited Act.

And we further direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Provided, lastly, and we hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by Warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter to alter, or repeal any of the rates hereby altered, or the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

W. E. Gladstone.
Alfred Hervey.

[This Article is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of Friday last.]

Whitehall, March 6, 1854.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Richard Hart, of No. 16, Austin-friars, City, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

Whitehall, March 9, 1854.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Hugh William Elcum; of No. 13, Bedford-row, Holborn, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

The Lord Chancellor has also appointed William Hugh Dennett, of Worthing, in the county of Sussex, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.