

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," power is given to the Postmaster-General to remit any of the rates of British postage for the time being, payable by law on the transmission of post letters, newspapers, or other printed papers, to such extent as the Lords of the Treasury shall from time to time direct; and power is also 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 or inland postage, payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or 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 whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the letters and packets hereinafter mentioned.

Now, we, the undersigned, being two 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 Act, and of all other powers, enabling us in this behalf, by this 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 port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and Turkey or the Black Sea being by packet boat direct or viâ Malta), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of eleven pence.

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

For the conveyance of every such letter between Turkey or the Black Sea, and any part of the United Kingdom, a rate of eleven pence, 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 on every printed British newspaper transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and Turkey or the Black Sea being by packet boat direct, or viâ Malta, or by private ship direct), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such newspapers, an uniform rate of one penny; and every printed supplement or additional sheet to any such newspaper shall, for the purpose of charging the postage under this Warrant, be deemed a distinct newspaper, unless sent in the same cover, or together with the newspaper to which it is a supplement or addition.

And we direct that no such printed newspaper shall be sent by the post at the rate aforesaid, unless the following conditions shall be observed:

1st. It shall be sent without a cover, or in a band or cover open at the sides or ends.

2nd. There shall be no word or communication printed on the newspaper after its publication or upon the cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon it, or upon the cover of it, except the name and address of the person to whom sent.

3rd. There shall be no paper or thing enclosed in or with any such newspaper.

And in case any one of such conditions shall not be fulfilled the whole paper or packet shall be charged with the letter rates of postage.

And we further direct that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters or newspapers passing by the post, between the United Kingdom and Turkey, or the Black Sea viâ France, which are to be charged with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct, that nothing in this Warrant contained shall in anywise annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act, nor 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 so far as respects the sea conveyance between Malta and Turkey, or the Black Sea, the said term shall also include any French packet boat, or any ship of war or other vessel belonging to or in any manner employed by