

And we further direct, that every such packet of printed votes or proceedings shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides, 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; unless any such packet be sent from any department or office, in or connected with, the public service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office, in London, in which case the same may, in addition to the name and address of the person to whom it shall be sent, have printed or written thereon, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, the words "On Her Majesty's service," and also the name of the department or public office from which the packet 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.

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 of printed votes or proceedings posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant either 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 if any packet of printed votes or proceedings sent or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this present Warrant, shall contain any paper or thing, besides printed votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, or 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 also as to any such packet sent from any department or office in, or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, except 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 authorized to affix his name to letters and packets sent by the post, as a certificate that they are on the public service, or shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall in length, or breadth, or width, or depth, exceed the dimensions of two feet, or twenty-four inches, or shall contain more than one printed publication of votes or proceedings, or shall contain any printed publication of votes or proceedings the several sheets or parts of which, when more than one shall not be sewed or bound together, or if the postage of any such packet posted in the United Kingdom shall not be duly and properly prepaid by British stamps when posted (any such packet sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such account only excepted); or, if the postage of any such packet posted in New South Wales, Barbadoes, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, shall not be duly and properly prepaid in money, or by

colonial stamps when posted, 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 be forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such 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 we further direct that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any printed votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or the Colonial Legislatures, sent either through a foreign country or by private ships.

And we further direct, that nothing in this Warrant contained shall in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege granted by the said recited Act, in favour of petitions and addresses forwarded to Her Majesty by the post, nor the privilege granted by the same Act to Members of each House of Parliament, to receive by the post petitions and addresses to Her Majesty, and petitions addressed to either House of Parliament not exceeding thirty-two ounces in weight, exempt from postage; nor shall anything in this Warrant contained, 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 nothing in this Warrant contained, shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters or packets posted in, or addressed to, France, or any foreign country through France, and transmitted between France or foreign countries through France and any of the colonies hereinbefore particularly mentioned, all which last-mentioned letters and packets shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters, or printed votes or proceedings, of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, the sea conveyance of which shall be by a packet-boat belonging to or employed by or under the Government or Post-office of the United States of America, or the sea conveyance of which in the Mediterranean, shall be by a French packet-boat; all which letters, printed votes, and proceedings shall be charged and chargeable as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct, that the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British, or colonial or foreign packet-boat (packet-boats belonging to, or employed by, or under the Government or Post-office of the United States of America, and French Mediterranean packet-boats, excepted); and as to letters, the said term shall also include the sea conveyance by any private ship.

And we further direct, that this Warrant, so far as respects the colonies of Barbadoes, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, shall come into operation on the first day of August next; and that, so far as respects the colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of October next.

Provided, lastly, and we hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commis-