

lawful for any officer of the Post Office to delay the transmission of any packet, posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, either for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be dispatched in due course of the post, or (at his option) until the dispatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

4. And we do further order and direct, that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to interfere with or affect the transmission by the post of printed newspapers or other printed publications which are allowed to pass by the post under the newspaper privilege.

5. And we do further order and direct, that if any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales, or posted in the East Indies or New South Wales, addressed to the United Kingdom, shall exceed the weight of three pounds, or if any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, between the United Kingdom and the several places mentioned and set forth in the said schedule B, shall, in length, or breadth, or width, exceed the dimensions of two feet, or if the postage of any such packet, posted in any of the colonies respectively mentioned in the said schedule B, to this Warrant annexed, shall not be duly and properly paid when posted, or if any packet or the cover or envelope of any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall not be open at the ends or sides, or if there shall be any letter, or any communication in the nature of a letter, written or printed on any such cover or envelope, every such respective packet shall and may be detained and opened, 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 every such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted, and such double postage may be either paid by the sender, or be charged to the person to whom such packet shall be forwarded.

6. And we do further order and direct, that if any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, between the United Kingdom and the several places mentioned and set forth in the said schedule B, shall contain any letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, every such letter or enclosure may be taken out by any officer of the Post Office and forwarded to the address on the packet, charged not only with the full rates of postage equal in amount to the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under the said schedule on a packet not exceeding half a pound in weight, and the remainder of the packet, if the postage be duly paid when posted, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

7. And we do further order and direct, that if any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, respectively between the United Kingdom and the several places mentioned and set forth in the said schedule B (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 being charged in such account, only excepted), shall be posted in the United Kingdom, having thereon or affixed thereto a stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinbefore contained, but equal in amount to the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under the said schedule, if such packet did not exceed half a pound in weight, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps so being thereon or affixed thereto, and the postage to which such packet would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage, equal in amount to the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under the said schedule on a packet not exceeding half a pound in weight; but if any such packet shall be posted in the United Kingdom, without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, or having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the single rate of postage chargeable under the said schedule, every such last-mentioned packet shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be dealt with and chargeable in like manner as is hereinbefore directed with respect to any packet not open at the ends or sides, or exceeding in length, or breadth, or width, the dimensions of two feet.

8. And we do further order and direct, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any packets sent through France, or any other foreign country, to which a transit rate of postage would be payable thereon.

9. And we do further order and direct, that the Postmaster-General shall and may have and exercise the option of sending any packets hereby authorized to be sent by the post under the provisions aforesaid, either by packet-boat, or by private ship, at the same rate of postage as by packet-boat, when and as he shall think fit.

10. And we do further order and direct, that the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, or in any schedule hereto annexed, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British or Colonial packet-boat, and also by private ship, when sent by the Postmaster-General, in accordance with the provision last hereinbefore contained, and the option thereby given to the Postmaster-General; and that the term "East Indies" used in this Warrant, or in any schedule hereto annexed, shall be construed to mean every port or place in Asia within the limits of the charter of the East India Company (China, Hong Kong, Ceylon, the Mauritius, Java, Borneo, and Australia excepted); and that the several other terms and expressions used in this Warrant or in any schedule hereto annexed, shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

11. And we do further order and direct that the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, or the hands of any two of them, at any time hereafter, alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any