

description of paper, parchment, or vellum, whether printed, written upon, or plain, together with any binding, mounting, or covering of, or upon, or belonging to any book, or publication, or work, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any paper, parchment, or vellum, and any cases or rollers of prints or maps, book markers (whether of paper or otherwise), pencils, pens, or other articles usually appertaining to any such book, publication, or work, paper, parchment, or vellum, or necessary for its safe transmission except where any such packet shall be transmitted by the post upon or in respect of which a less rate of postage than a minimum rate of four pence shall be paid; and in all cases where any such packets shall be transmitted by the post upon or in respect of which a less rate of postage than a minimum rate of four pence shall be paid, every such packet shall consist of and comprise all such before mentioned books, publications, or compilations, almanacks, prints, maps, paper, parchment, or vellum only, as shall be printed or contain printed matter only (whether bound or unbound), and shall not comprise, extend to, or include any packet consisting of or containing any writing (except the address), nor any cases or rollers of prints, or maps, or book markers, pencils, pens, or other articles; and that every such packet shall be sent open at the ends or sides, and either without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides; and that there shall be no letter, either closed or open, nor any communication in the nature of a letter, nor any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorised by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet, nor shall there be any letter, or any communication in the nature of a letter, written or printed in or upon any such packet or on the cover or envelope thereof, nor (unless a minimum rate of postage of four pence shall be paid upon or in respect of any such packet) any writing whatever written in or upon any such packet, or upon the cover or envelope thereof except the address.

3. That upon every packet transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted in the United Kingdom, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet near the address or direction, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon under or by virtue of this Warrant, 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 shall be forwarded post paid, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such postage account.

4. That in order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, it shall be 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 despatched in due course of the post, or (at his option), until the despatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

5. 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.

6. That if any packet sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent, by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall in length or breadth or width exceed the dimensions of two feet, 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 contained in any such packet, or if there shall be any letter or communication in the nature of a letter written or printed on any such cover or envelope, or if it shall contain any writing whatever (such writing not being a letter or any communication in the nature of a letter), either inclosed in or written upon any such packet, or upon the cover or envelope thereof (except the address), and a rate of postage less than a minimum rate of four pence shall have been paid upon or in respect of any such packet, every such respective packet shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof, and every such packet, on being so returned or given up, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted, and such postage shall be paid on the packet being so returned or given up.

7. That if any packet sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent, by the post under the provisions of this Warrant (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, 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, every such last-mentioned packet shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof; and every such packet, on being so returned or given up, shall be 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 four pence; and if any such packet shall be posted without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, every such last-mentioned packet shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof, and every such packet, on being so returned or given up, shall be charged with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted.

8. That the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall mean, include, and be confined to, the conveyance by packet-boats, by ships of war, or by transports, direct or viâ Malta; 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 Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

9. 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.

10. That the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant duly