

payable upon, for, or in respect of, letters, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings and printed papers, transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post.

And whereas by the said Act, powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, and at any time thereafter, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters, or newspapers, or of 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 from time to time by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any of such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid, and the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage is extended to any increase or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post Office."

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to them, in and by the said two before mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did by a certain Warrant in writing, under the hands of two of them, the said Commissioners, by the authority of the statute in that case made and provided, bearing date the 22nd day of February, 1855, order and direct that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures might be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the several places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule B to the now reciting Warrant annexed; and that all such respective packets should be so transmitted in conformity with, and under, and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions therein-after mentioned and contained; and that the single rate of postage for the transmission thereof, if not exceeding half a pound in weight, should be that which was mentioned and set forth against the said places respectively in the said Schedule B, and that all such respective packets so transmitted should be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage thereafter mentioned.

And whereas in and by the said Schedule B to the said recited Warrant annexed, all such packets as were in the said recited Warrant mentioned were authorised to be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the respective colonies of New Zealand, New South Wales, and South Australia, and the single rate of postage chargeable and payable for the transmission of each such packet, under the regulations and conditions mentioned and prescribed in the said recited Warrant, was sixpence.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did, by a certain other Treasury Warrant, in writing, bearing date the 7th day of July, 1855, under the hands of two of them the

said Commissioners, by the authority of the Statute in that case made and provided, order and direct that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or any of the Colonial Legislatures, might be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the colony of Western Australia, and that on every such packet so transmitted under the provisions of the now reciting Warrant, if not exceeding half a pound in weight, there should be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof as aforesaid the uniform single rate of postage of six pence, and that on every such packet, exceeding half a pound in weight, there should be charged, taken, and paid such progressive and additional rates of postage as were directed to be charged, taken, and paid on and in respect of the several packets mentioned and contained in and authorized to be transmitted by the post, under the provisions of the said before-recited Warrant, bearing date the 22nd day of February, 1855, and that all such respective packets should be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions therein mentioned.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did, by a certain other Treasury Warrant in writing, bearing date the 18th day of September, 1856, under the hands of two of them, the said Commissioners, by the authority of the statute in that case made and provided, order and direct, that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or any of the Colonial Legislatures, might be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the colony of Tasmania, and that on every such packet, so transmitted under the provisions of the now reciting Warrant as aforesaid, if not exceeding half a pound in weight, there should be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage of sixpence, and that on every such packet, exceeding half a pound in weight, there should be charged, taken, and paid such progressive and additional rates of postage as were directed to be charged, taken, and paid on and in respect of the several packets mentioned and contained in and authorized to be transmitted by the post, under the provisions of the said before-recited Warrant, bearing date the 22nd day of February, 1855, and that all such respective packets should be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions therein mentioned.

And whereas it is expedient to alter the rates of postage so authorized to be charged, taken, and paid upon all such packets hereinbefore mentioned, as are transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the several colonies of New Zealand, New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania, respectively, and for that purpose to repeal so much of the said recited Warrant, bearing date the 22nd day of February, 1855, as relates to the several colonies of New Zealand, New South Wales, and South Australia, respectively, and the rates of postage chargeable and payable for the transmission by the post of such packets between the said United Kingdom and the said several last-mentioned colonies; and also the said two several