

as the same are applicable to such packets. Provided always that the redirected rates of postage upon such packets shall be of the same amount as the first prepaid rate payable upon any such packet, and shall be chargeable and charged accordingly.

14. And we do further order and direct, that the 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.

15. And we do further order and direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

16. And we do further order and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant duly made, at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or any of the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates of postage or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates of postage that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury-chambers, the eighth day of April, 1857.

*H. Brand.
Duncan.*

Home-Office, April 11, 1857.

The Bedford Reformatory School, at Northey, near Carlton, in the county of Bedford, has been certified by the Secretary of State as fit to be a Reformatory School, under the provisions of the Statute 17 and 18 Victoria, c. 86.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 11th December, 1856.*

NOTICE TO MASTERS OF VESSELS INTENDING TO PASS THROUGH 'TORRES' STRAITS.

THE following Notice, dated the 2nd of April, 1846 respecting the store of bread, fresh water, meat, and spirits, established on Booby Island, for the use of Shipwrecked Seamen, is re-published, for general information, together with a statement recently received from Lieutenant Chimmo, R.N., of the provisions on the Island, on the 17th July, 1856. Towards keeping up the stock of provisions, a further supply of the above-mentioned articles is forwarded to Booby Island annually, by this Government.

Hj. Watson Parker.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 2nd April, 1846.*

NOTICE TO MASTERS OF VESSELS INTENDING TO PASS THROUGH TORRES' STRAITS.

HIS Excellency the Governor of New South Wales desires to make it known to all Masters of Vessels proceeding from Sydney to Torres' Straits, that it is intended to forward, by the "Enchantress," for the purpose of being placed on Booby Island, a further quantity of bread, fresh water, meat, and spirits, as a provision for Shipwrecked Seamen who may seek a refuge on that Island; and his Excellency earnestly invites Masters who may visit Booby Island, after having successfully passed the Straits, to make, from time to time, such additions

to the Store, which was originally established by Captain Blackwood, of the Royal Navy, as may suffice to keep up a constant supply of provisions on the Island.

Directions for finding the provisions will be left at the place called the "The Post Office," on Booby Island.

By his Excellency's command,
E. Deas Thomson.

REMAINS of PROVISIONS found in Booby Island Cave, by the "Torch," on the 17th July, 1856:—

2 barrels of beef.
2 barrels of pork.
1 keg of rum.
3 bags of bread.
1 cask of bread.
8 hhds. of water.
20 tins of preserved meats.
2 bottles of rum.

Besides many smaller articles, such as tea, cigars, onions, &c. &c.

The provisions sent by the Colonial Government in the "Washington Irving," 1856, were in good order, and landed safely.

(Signed) *William Chimmo,*
Lieut. R. N.

I have just learnt from the Commanding Officer of the "Duroc," French War Steamer, that they passed Booby Island in great distress, and did not know that there were any provisions on it. Notice should be given to this effect to all nations.

(Signed) *W. C.*

2nd October, 1856.

Rhymney Railway Bill.

(Notice of intention to introduce Clauses for extending the intended Caerphilly Branch.)

WHEREAS a Bill was introduced into the Honourable the House of Commons in the last session, intituled "A Bill for consolidating the Acts relating to the Rhymney Railway, and for authorizing the Company to make and maintain a branch railway, and for regulating the capital of the Company, and for other purposes," which Bill was in pursuance of the Standing Orders of the said House of Commons, passed on the 12th day of March last, in reference to the suspension of private Bills suspended on the 17th day of March, and will be re-introduced and proceeded with in the next session.

And whereas the said Bill contained among others a provision empowering the said Company to construct a new line of railway, called the Caerphilly Branch Railway (in substitution for the old Caerphilly Branch Railway by the said Bill authorised to be abandoned), commencing in the hamlet of Rhydiboithan, in the parish of Eglwysilan, in the county of Glamorgan, by a junction with the main line of the Rhymney Railway, at a point thereon 300 yards, or thereabouts, south-west of a farm house called Cwrt Drawllyn, in the hamlet of Rhydiboithan and parish of Eglwysilan, and terminating in the hamlet of Hendredenny, in the parish of Eglwysilan, in or near to a field belonging to the Baroness Windsor, and in the occupation of Thomas Evans, 200 yards or thereabouts north-eastward of a farm house called Nant-y-Calch, which intended railway and works will pass from, in, through, or into, or be situate within, the parishes, hamlets, or places of Rhydiboithan, Energlyn, Hendre-