

shall exceed the sum of one penny, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, reduce such postage to any other rate of postage they may from time to time think fit. And also that the Postmaster-General may, if he shall think fit (with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury) allow any printed words, writing, or marks (in addition to the direction) to be put on any printed newspapers or other printed papers sent by the post, or on the covers thereof; and that any such newspapers or other printed papers shall from thenceforth be forwarded either free of postage or subject to such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct; and it is also declared and enacted that the Postmaster-General and any officer of the Post-office may detain any letters which shall be posted or sent by the post, contrary to the regulations of that Act or the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to any regulations made under the authority of that Act, or of the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant to be issued under or by virtue of that Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the first-mentioned Act, and open such letters, and either return them to the senders thereof, or forward them to the places of their destination, charged in either case with such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall from time to time direct.

And whereas the Postmaster-General hath with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have at various times since the passing of the said two before-mentioned Acts, and in pursuance and in exercise of the powers reserved to them thereby, by divers Warrants, under their hands, made and given certain orders, directions and regulations relating to the weight, size and dimensions, and to the rates of postage in conformity with and under, and subject to which certain printed papers and parliamentary proceedings therein respectively mentioned, were to be transmitted by the post, certain of which said Warrants, since the making thereof respectively, have been wholly, and others have been in part repealed and revoked. And it is expedient that certain other Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, made for the like purpose and now in force respectively, and bearing date respectively, the 22nd day of February, 1855, the 31st day of March, 1855 (which last-mentioned Warrant relates to the transmission of packets between the United Kingdom and the colony of Sierra Leone), the 12th day of January, 1856, the 12th day of May, 1856, the 15th day of August, 1856, the 8th day of December, 1856, and the 19th day of May, 1857, and the several orders, directions, regulations and rates of postage therein respectively mentioned and contained, should also be repealed and revoked, and that such other orders, directions, regulations and rates should be made and substituted in lieu thereof, as are hereinafter mentioned and contained.

Now, we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said two before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners (by the authority of the statute in that case made and provided), order, direct, and declare, as follows;

1. The said several Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date, respectively, the 22nd day of February, 1855, the 31st day of March, 1855 (which last-mentioned Warrant relates to the transmission of packets between the United Kingdom and the colony of Sierra Leone), the 12th day of January, 1856, the 12th day of May, 1856, the 15th day of August, 1856, the 8th day of December, 1856, and the 19th day of May, 1857, and every of them, shall be, and the same are, hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, respectively; and that the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage in such several Warrants respectively made, mentioned, and set forth, shall wholly cease and determine; nevertheless, no Treasury Warrant or part of a Treasury Warrant, repealed by the said several last-mentioned Treasury Warrants respectively, or either of them, shall be revived by this Warrant.

2. 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, may 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 A, to this Warrant annexed; and 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, may be transmitted by the post between the several colonies and places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule B to this Warrant annexed; and that all such respective packets shall be so transmitted respectively, in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter respectively mentioned and contained, and that as respects certain of the said places in the said schedules respectively mentioned, such transmission may also be by the routes mentioned against such places in such schedules respectively; and that the single rate of postage for the transmission thereof, respectively, shall be that which is mentioned and set forth against the said places respectively, in the said Schedules A and B; and that all such respective packets so transmitted, shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:

On every such packet so transmitted under the provisions of this Warrant as aforesaid, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof respectively, as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage which is mentioned and set forth against the said places respectively, in the said Schedules A and B.

And on every such packet, exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say: on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, two rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one half of a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and one half of another pound in weight, six rates of postage.