

## TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from time to time, 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 whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act of Parliament, 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 certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications."

And whereas a postal convention was some time since made and entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Republic of New Granada, and is still in force, and a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, was also duly made for the purpose of better carrying into effect the terms of such convention, dated the 22nd day of February, 1848, whereby it was ordered and directed that the letters and newspapers therein mentioned might be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any port in New Granada subject to the several rates of postage, and to the regulations therein contained.

And whereas it is expedient that the said Warrant dated the 22nd day of February, 1848, should be repealed, and that such rates of postage should be charged, and such other regulations made with respect to the letters and newspapers hereinafter mentioned as are hereinafter contained.

1. Now, we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said before mentioned Acts, or any 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 and direct that the said Warrant, dated the 22nd day of February, 1848, and the several rates of postage and the several orders, directions, and regulations therein mentioned and contained, shall cease and determine, and shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed and revoked.

2. And we do further order and direct as follows (that is to say), on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in, or addressed to, any part of the republic of New Granada, and transmitted between any part of the United Kingdom and any port in New Granada, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, the rates of British postage following (that is to say):—

If the sea conveyance be by packet-boat, a rate of one shilling.

And if by private ship, a rate of eight pence.

3. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in, or addressed to, any part of New Granada, transmitted by the post between

any port in New Granada and any of Her Majesty's colonies or possessions or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (letters transmitted through the United Kingdom between New Granada and France, or any foreign country though France only excepted, which letters are to be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed), there shall be charged, taken, and paid, the rates of British postage following (that is to say):—

For the conveyance of every such letter between any port in New Granada and any part of the United Kingdom, if the sea conveyance be by packet-boat a rate of one shilling, and if by private ship a rate of eight pence.

And for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and such colony or foreign country.

4. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight transmitted by packet-boat or private ship (without passing through the United Kingdom) between any of Her Majesty's colonies and any of the ports of New Granada, or between the French colonies of Martinique or Guadeloupe, and any of the ports of New Granada, or between any ports in New Granada, there shall be charged, taken and paid, a rate of British postage of four pence.

5. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight transmitted by packet boat between any foreign port at which such packet may touch (Martinique and Guadeloupe excepted), and any port in New Granada (without passing through the United Kingdom), there shall be charged, taken and paid a rate of British postage of one shilling.

6. All letters so respectively transmitted as aforesaid, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, (that is to say):—

On every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage.

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight of any letter so respectively transmitted as aforesaid, above the weight of three ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage; and every fractional part of such additional ounce shall be charged as an additional ounce in weight; and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause, shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight.

7. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by the said recited Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service, and seamen and soldiers employed in the service of the