

column of the Schedule B to the said last-mentioned Warrant annexed, be transmitted by the post to the said several countries and places to which they are respectively addressed, through France, when sent in closed mails at the same rates of postage as are charged and chargeable under and by virtue of the said recited Warrant of the 15th day of January, 1858, for and in respect of packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, authorised to be transmitted by the post, under and by virtue of the said last-mentioned Warrant; and all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, which shall be transmitted by the post from any of the countries and places to any of the other countries and places mentioned and set forth respectively in the Schedules A and B to the said recited Warrant of the said 15th day of January, 1858 respectively annexed, when not sent in closed mails shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under, and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, conditions, and rates respectively in the said last-mentioned Warrant mentioned and contained, relating thereto, and shall be such only as are declared to be comprised in the terms "books, publications, or works of literature or art," used in the said recited Warrant of the 15th day of January, 1858.

3. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant, under their hands, or the hands of any two of them, at any time hereafter alter, repeal, or revoke, any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions, in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1858.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the thirteenth day of April, 1858.

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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 from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any 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 that may be payable are to be paid; and it is provided that the power thereby given should extend to any increase or reduction or remission of postage.

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 regu-

lating 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant in writing under their hands, bearing date the 8th day of March, 1849, did, amongst other things, order and direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by British packet-boat between a port in the United Kingdom and a port in the United States, there should be charged and taken for the sea conveyance thereof, in lieu of any rates of British postage then payable by law on such respective letters, the uniform British packet rate therein mentioned; and that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight posted at the port of departure of the packet conveying the same, or at any other part of the United Kingdom, and transmitted to the United States, or transmitted from the United States, addressed to the port of arrival of the packet conveying the same, or to any other part of the United Kingdom (whether conveyed by British or United States packet-boats), there should be charged and taken for the conveyance of every such letter within the United Kingdom, in lieu of any rates of British postage then payable by law on such respective letters, an inland rate of British postage of one penny half-penny in addition to the British packet rate therein mentioned on letters transmitted by British packet-boats, between the United Kingdom and the United States, and in addition to any foreign rate of postage charged or chargeable on letters transmitted by the United States packet-boats between the United Kingdom and the United States. And that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to the United States, transmitted by the post between the United States and any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (conveyed by British packet-boats between the United Kingdom and the United States), there should be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage then payable by law on such letters, the British packet rate therein mentioned for the sea conveyance of every such letter between the United States and the United Kingdom, and on every such letter whether conveyed by British or by United States packet-boats between the United Kingdom and the United States, there should be charged and taken over and above any British or foreign packet rate of postage, such a further or additional rate of British postage for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet conveying the same between the United Kingdom and the United States, and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same should be forwarded, as should from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet conveying the same between the United Kingdom and the United States, and transmitted between such port and such colony or foreign country. And that on every letter transmitted as mentioned in that Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there should be charged, taken,