

such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof.

And whereas another Act was 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 another Act was 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 it is expedient that further regulations should be made for the transmission by the post, of the letters and newspapers hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us, in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, and every 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. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between any two foreign ports, on the western coast of Africa, or between any foreign port on the same coast and the Island of Madeira, or from any foreign port on the western coast of Africa to the Canary islands, without such respective letters passing through the United Kingdom (the sea conveyance of such respective letters being by British packet-boat), there shall be charged and paid a rate of postage of four pence.

2. On every letter transmitted as is hereinbefore mentioned, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows (that is to say) :

On every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every letter exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage ; and every fraction of an ounce above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as one additional ounce ; and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause, shall be estimated and charged at the sum of four pence.

3. On every printed British, colonial, or foreign newspaper, transmitted by the post between any two foreign ports on the western coast of Africa, or between any foreign port on the same coast and the Island of Madeira, or from any foreign port on the western coast of Africa to the Canary Islands, without any such newspaper passing through the United Kingdom (the sea conveyance of every such newspaper being by British packet-boat), there shall be charged and paid a rate of one penny.

4. Every printed supplement or additional sheet to any such newspaper, shall, for the purpose of

charging the postage under this Warrant, be deemed a distinct newspaper, unless sent in the same cover, or together with the newspaper to which it is a supplement or addition.

5. Every newspaper which shall be so transmitted by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter contained; that is to say :

No such newspaper shall in length or breadth, or width, exceed the dimension of two feet.

Every such newspaper shall be sent open at the ends or sides, and either without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides.

There shall be no word or communication printed on any newspaper, transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon any such newspaper or upon any cover thereof ; other than and except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent, but the name or title of such newspaper and the name and address of the publisher, newsvender or agent, by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof.

There shall be no paper or thing enclosed in or with any such newspaper.

6. Her Majesty's Postmaster-General may charge all or any such newspapers, which shall be sent by the post otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations mentioned in this present Warrant, with such rates or rate of postage respectively, not exceeding in amount such rates or rate respectively, as would be chargeable upon the same as letters or a letter, as to him shall seem fit.

7. The rates of postage chargeable on letters and printed newspapers transmitted by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be in lieu of any British postage now chargeable by law thereon.

8. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act of the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

9. The terms "foreign port" and "foreign ports," used in this Warrant, shall include any foreign places on the western coast of Africa, and also any foreign islands situate within the distance of fifty miles from the same coast ; and the several other 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.

10. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty Treasury, may by Warrant under their hands, duly made, at any time hereafter alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, 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 that may be payable are to be paid.

11. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of March, 1859.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

H. G. Lennox,
Henry Whitmore.