

6. The several 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.

7. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands duly made, at any time hereafter alter, repeal, or revoke any of the orders, directions, or regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other orders, directions, or regulations in lieu thereof.

8. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of March, 1860.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

William Dunbar.
John Bagwell.

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 which may be payable are to be paid.

And whereas by an Act passed in 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," further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury; and power is also given to the Postmaster-General (amongst other things), to collect and receive the foreign and colonial postage, charged or chargeable on any letters sent by the post, and also with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to require the postage, British, colonial, or foreign, of any letters sent by the post, to be prepaid either in money or in stamps, as he might think fit, on the same being put into the post-office, and also, with such consent, to abolish or restrict the prepayment in money of postage on letters sent by the post, either altogether or on certain letters; and to require the prepayment thereof to be in stamps, and also to refuse to receive or send by the post, any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made; and power is also given to the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the Post-office, to detain any letters which should be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations therein mentioned, and to open such letters, and either to return them to the senders thereof, or to 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, should from time to time direct.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have, by divers Warrants

under their hands, fixed, made, and established certain rates of British postage, payable on the transmission by the post of certain letters therein respectively mentioned, and it is expedient to make regulations for the prepayment of the several rates of postage payable on the letters 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, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this present 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 as follows; that is to say:

1. On every letter posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any part of Egypt, and transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom to Egypt by British packet-boat, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

2. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Alexandria, Cairo, or Suez, without any postage having been paid thereon, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

3. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Alexandria, Cairo, or Suez, and the postage paid thereon shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such letter would be liable under or by virtue of the regulations in force relating thereto, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage paid thereon and the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

5. Nothing hereinbefore contained shall in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege granted by the said Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty in favour of petitions and addresses forwarded to Her Majesty by the post, nor the privilege granted by the same Act to members of each House of Parliament, to receive by the post petitions and addresses to Her Majesty, and petitions addressed to either House of Parliament not exceeding thirty-two ounces in weight, nor the privilege granted to printed votes or proceedings of parliament; nor shall anything in this Warrant contained in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service now by law enjoy of sending and receiving by the post letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

6. The term "by the post" used in this Warrant, shall include the conveyance through France, the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by British packet-boat, 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.

7. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, duly made at any time hereafter, alter, repeal, or revoke any of the orders, directions, or regulations, hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other orders, directions, or regulations in lieu thereof.