

any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made. And it is also declared that in all cases in which the British postage chargeable on any letters sent by the post should exceed the sum of one penny, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury might by Warrant under their hands reduce such postage to any other rate of postage they might from time to time think fit. And that also the Postmaster-General might, if he should 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, should 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, should from time to time direct. And it is also declared that the Postmaster-General and any officer of the post-office, might detain any letters which should 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, should from time to time direct. And it is also declared that the term "letter," as also the term "letters," used in the said now reciting Act, should be construed according to the interpretation of the term "letter," contained in the said recited Act, passed in the eighth year of the reign of Her Majesty.

And whereas it is expedient to make regulations by which packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, may be transmitted by the post, between any two of Her Majesty's colonies, through the United Kingdom, and to fix certain rates of postage and scales of weight, at which such packets may be so transmitted in the manner 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 several before-mentioned Acts, or any 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. 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 two of Her Majesty's colonies through the United Kingdom ; and 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 mentioned and contained ; and the single rate of postage for the transmission thereof shall be as follows, that is to say, for every such packet so transmitted, not exceeding four ounces in weight, if such packet, in the course of such transmission thereof as aforesaid shall not pass through or across the

Isthmus of Suez, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for such transmission thereof as aforesaid an uniform single rate of postage of sixpence, and for every such packet so transmitted, not exceeding four ounces in weight if such packet, in the course of such transmission thereof as aforesaid shall pass through or across the Isthmus of Suez there shall be charged, taken, and paid for such transmission thereof as last aforesaid an uniform single rate of postage of sevenpence.

2. All such packets so respectively transmitted as aforesaid, if exceeding four ounces in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned according to the scale of weight hereinafter contained ; that is to say :

On every such packet so transmitted respectively as aforesaid, if exceeding four ounces in weight and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage.

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

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

And on every such packet so transmitted respectively as aforesaid, if exceeding one pound and one-half of another pound and not exceeding two pounds in weight, eight rates of postage.

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

No such packet, which in length, or breadth, or width, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions aforesaid.

No such packet, posted in any other of Her Majesty's colonies, addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales, or posted in the East Indies or New South Wales, addressed to any other of Her Majesty's colonies, exceeding the weight of three pounds, shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions aforesaid.

The terms "books, publications, or works of literature or art," in this Warrant used, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, mean and comprise all such articles as in their general character are either literary, or consist of printed, written, engraved, or lithographed matter (although not strictly literary), including books (whether printed, written, or plain), publications, or compilations (whether in print or in manuscript), almanacks, printed or lithographed letters, and such artistic productions as prints, maps (whether on paper, or canvas, or cloth, and and whether printed or written) and photographs, when not on glass or in frames containing glass, and any description of paper, parchment, or vellum (whether printed,