

other person), every such respective packet shall and may be detained and opened, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination; and every such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted, and such postage may be either paid by the sender or be charged to the person to whom such packet shall be forwarded.

8. If any packet sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent, by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall contain any written letter or any written communication in the nature of a letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other enclosure not authorised by this Warrant, every such letter or communication or enclosure may be taken out by any officer of the post-office and either returned or given up to the sender thereof or forwarded to the address on the packet, charged in either case not only with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of postage equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable under the provisions of this Warrant on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight, and the remainder of the packet, if the postage be duly paid when posted, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

9. If any packet sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent, by the post under the provisions of this Warrant (any such packet sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty which shall keep a postage account with the General Post Office in London, and the postage thereof being charged in such account only excepted) shall be posted and the postage paid thereon or postage stamps affixed thereto at the time of the same being posted shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinbefore contained, but equal in amount to the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under this Warrant if such packet did not exceed four ounces in weight, every such packet shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon, or postage-stamps affixed thereto, and the postage to which such packets would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable, under this Warrant, on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight; but if any such packet shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon, or any postage-stamp affixed thereto, or with a postage paid thereon, or postage stamp affixed thereto, less in amount than the single rate of postage chargeable under this Warrant (any such packet sent from any department or office in, or connected with, the public service of Her Majesty which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-Office in London, and the postage thereof being charged in such account, only excepted), every such last-mentioned packet shall and may be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination; and

every such last-mentioned packet, on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted; and such postage may be either paid by the sender, or may be charged to the person to whom such packet shall be forwarded.

10. In all cases where any packet may be transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, and any such packet shall be transmitted not in conformity with the provisions thereof, and under and subject to the regulations, orders, directions, and conditions herein contained, and shall, by reason thereof, have become liable, under or by virtue of this Warrant, to be charged with the like rate or amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted, or with any higher rate or amount of postage the Postmaster-General shall, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, at his discretion, either to charge any such packet with the rate or amount of postage to which it shall have become liable under or by virtue of this Warrant as aforesaid, or to charge any such packet with any other rate or amount of postage which he shall think proper, not exceeding the rate or amount of postage to which such packet shall have become liable, under or by virtue of this Warrant as aforesaid, not less than the rate of postage to which such packet would have been chargeable with if transmitted in conformity with the provisions hereof, and under and subject to the regulations, orders, directions and conditions herein contained.

11. The packets hereby authorized to be sent by the post under the provisions aforesaid, may be transmitted either by packet boat or private ship, or partly by packet boat or partly by private ship, at the same rate of postage as by packet boat.

12. All packets transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage respectively contained in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, bearing date the 19th day of February, 1855, relating to redirected rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be redirected, and again forwarded by the post.

13. The rates of postage chargeable on packets transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, shall be in lieu of any rates of British postage now chargeable by law thereon.

14. The term "by the post" used in this Warrant shall include the conveyance through Egypt, and shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British or colonial packet boat and also by private ship, or partly by packet boat and partly by private ship, when sent in accordance with the eleventh clause hereinbefore contained, 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 Majesty.

15. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any packet sent through France.

16. 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 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