

missioners 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, 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 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 regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post Office."

And whereas it is expedient that further regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the letters hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said recited Acts, 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 and direct as follows :

1. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Republic of Paraguay, or posted in the Republic of Paraguay addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in the Republic of Paraguay, via Buenos Ayres, or any other port or place in the Argentine Confederation (the sea conveyance being by British packet-boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of British postage of one shilling.

2. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight transmitted by the post between the Republic of Paraguay and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom via Buenos Ayres, or any other port or place in the Argentine Confederation (the sea conveyance between the United Kingdom and the Argentine Confederation being by British packet boat), there shall be charged and taken a British rate of postage of one shilling for the conveyance of every such letter between the Argentine Confederation and any part of the United Kingdom, and for the conveyance of every such letter between the port of the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall 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 or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such colony or foreign country, provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted from the said rate of one shilling the sum of one penny, in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

3. All such respective letters so transmitted as hereinbefore in this Warrant mentioned, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :—

On every such letter, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken and paid two rates of postage.

And on every such letter, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

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

And for every additional ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of three ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional ounce, shall be charged as an additional ounce in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service are now by law entitled to, 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.

5. The respective letters 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 re-directed rates of postage upon letters which shall be re-directed and again forwarded by the post.

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

7. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any letters sent between the Republic of Paraguay and France, or sent otherwise than in closed mails between the Republic of Paraguay and any foreign country or British colony through France.

8. 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.

9. 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 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 which may be payable are to be paid.

10. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the twelfth day of November, 1860.

*John Bagwell.*  
*William Dunbar.*