

Majesty and the Emperor of the French, for regulating the communications by post between their respective dominions; and that it was expedient for the better carrying out of the same, that certain regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned, did, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, and every of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, order and direct that certain letters therein respectively mentioned, and also certain packets consisting of printed newspapers, and certain other packets consisting of printed papers, other than newspapers therein respectively mentioned, might be respectively transmitted by the post in conformity with, and under, and subject to, certain regulations, orders, directions, and conditions, and at certain rates of postage therein respectively mentioned, contained and specified. And the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did further order and direct that it should be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by warrant under their hands duly made at any time thereafter, to alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage thereby fixed or any of the orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions thereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates, orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions, in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates which might be payable were to be paid.

And whereas a further Treaty or Convention hath been lately entered into between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French for further regulating certain communications by the post between their respective dominions, and it is expedient for the better carrying out of the same that certain further and other regulations should be made in the manner 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 or any 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, that is to say:—

1. All packets consisting of patterns of merchandize of no intrinsic value, or consisting of photographs on paper, commercial or legal documents, parts or sheets of music, and other papers in manuscript, which shall not consist of a letter or communication in the nature of a letter, or which could serve as a letter or communication in the nature of a letter, may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom or the Island of Malta and any part of France or Algeria in conformity with and under and subject to the same or the like orders, directions, regulations, and conditions as are now in force and subject to the same or the like rates of postage as are chargeable and payable in respect of printed papers transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom or Malta and France or Algeria in and by the said recited Warrant, bearing date the 20th day of December, 1856, and for the purposes of such transmission, the said several articles in this clause above enumerated shall be subject and liable to the same or like orders, directions, regulations, restrictions, and rates of postage as are mentioned, contained, and specified in the said recited Warrant, bearing date the 20th day of December, 1856, with respect to printed papers thereby authorized to be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom or Malta and the Kingdom of

France, so far as the same are or can be rendered applicable thereto.

2. If any packet transmitted by the post under the first clause of this Warrant, be sent by the post otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations established by or contained in the said Treasury Warrant, bearing date the 20th day of December, 1856, in respect of printed papers authorized to be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom or Malta and France, so far as the same are applicable to the packets mentioned in the first clause of this Warrant, the same shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, 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 the same shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with any rates of postage the Postmaster-General may think fit, not exceeding the rates that would be chargeable on such packets as an unpaid letter.

3. Packets consisting of printed, engraved, or lithographed works, proof sheets, or other documents on paper, vellum, cardboard, or parchment, whether printed, engraved, lithographed, or photographed, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom or the Island of Malta and any place in France or Algeria, may bear or have thereon typographical corrections or manual notes, or any writing which shall not consist of a letter, or a communication in the nature of a letter, or which could serve as a letter, or communication in the nature of a letter, anything in the said recited Warrant, bearing date the 20th day of December, 1856, to the contrary notwithstanding, nevertheless packets consisting of patterns of merchandize transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, shall not bear or have thereon any writing other than the address of the person for whom they are intended, except a manufacturer's or trade mark, or number or price, in all other respects except as in this clause mentioned, all such packets as are enumerated in this clause shall be transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to all the conditions, regulations, and restrictions contained in the said Treasury Warrant, bearing date the 20th day of December, 1856, relating to or in anywise affecting the same.

4. On every packet consisting of printed newspapers posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the respective countries following, namely:—Baden, Wurtemburgh, Hohenzollern, Bavaria, and the Austrian Empire, and forwarded via France, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, in lieu of all other rates now chargeable or payable in respect of such packets, the uniform single rate of postage of twopence, and on every packet consisting of printed papers, other than newspapers, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to any of the said respective countries last hereinbefore enumerated, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, in lieu of all other rates now chargeable or payable in respect of such packets, the uniform single rate of postage of fourpence; and on every such packet consisting of printed newspapers, and on every such packet consisting of printed papers, other than newspapers, respectively chargeable with postage under this clause,