

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-six, for the regulation of the duties of postage, certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, or in respect of letters, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post; and by the same Act powers were 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 postage therein mentioned.

And whereas further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 85, 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant in writing, under their hands, bearing date at Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 16th day of October, 1857, in exercise of the powers vested in them, in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did (amongst other things) order and direct that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art posted in the United Kingdom might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates of postage and regulations therein contained. 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 duly made, at any time thereafter to alter or repeal any of the rates of postage thereby fixed or altered, or any of the regulations thereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates of postage or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates of postage that might be payable were to be paid.

And whereas it is expedient to extend the privileges granted by the said recited Warrant of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the said 16th day of October, 1857, and to authorize the transmission by the post of certain other packets, and for that purpose to make certain further and other regulations 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 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 or samples of merchandize, of no intrinsic value, posted in the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates of postage, and to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions hereinafter mentioned and contained; that is to say:

2. On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of three pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one shilling.

And on every such packet, if exceeding sixteen ounces and not exceeding twenty-four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one shilling and sixpence.

3. No such packet which shall exceed twenty-four ounces in weight, or which in length, or width, or depth shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

4. No pattern or sample, being of any intrinsic value, or being an article or thing of a saleable nature, or having a value of its own apart from its mere use as a pattern or sample, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

5. There shall be no enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.

6. There shall be no writing or printing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade-mark, and number and price.

7. All such packets shall be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Nevertheless, samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen or of other material, which shall be tied at the neck; but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for that purpose.

8. If any packet, sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall exceed twenty-four ounces in weight, or shall in length, or width, or depth exceed the dimensions of two feet, or shall consist wholly of patterns or samples of any intrinsic value, as in the fourth clause of this Warrant mentioned, or if there shall be any writing or printing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade-mark, and number and price, or if any such packets shall not be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination (except samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, and which may be enclosed in bags of linen or of other material, which shall be tied at the neck), or in case of bags being used, if such bags shall be so closed that they cannot be readily opened, every such packet shall be chargeable, and shall be treated in all respects as a letter.

9. 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 enclosure, sealed or otherwise, closed against inspection, or any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, every such enclosure may be taken out by any officer of the Post Office and either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be forwarded