

thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post Office, it was enacted that, in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, it should be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times thereafter, by Warrant under their hands, to fix the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum of weight in lieu thereof, and that all letters should be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post, in conformity with any such Warrant, and also in conformity with, and under and subject to, all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, should from time to time direct; and by the said now reciting Act it was also enacted, that in all cases in which the British postage chargeable on any letters sent by the post should exceed the sum of one penny it should be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, to reduce such postage to any other rate of postage they might from time to time think fit.

And whereas by a certain Warrant under the hands of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date at Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the 22nd day of October, 1847, it was (amongst other things) ordered and directed that (except as hereinafter was provided or mentioned) if any letter exceeding four ounces in weight should be sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post between any places within the United Kingdom, or by the post of any post town in the United Kingdom, the postage of every such letter, according to the scale of weight and number and amount of rates of postage fixed and chargeable upon letters transmitted by the post between places within the United Kingdom, by the said Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty (being the first hereinbefore recited Act), should be prepaid in money, or such letter should be duly and properly stamped when posted.

And whereas inland letters have been heretofore, and since the passing of the said first hereinbefore recited Act, transmitted by the post, charged with rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates fixed and declared in and by the said last-mentioned Act, and it is considered expedient to remit certain of the said rates of British postage or inland postage now payable on the transmission of such post letters, and to reduce the British postage chargeable thereupon in certain cases where such postage exceeds the sum of one penny, by altering the scale of weight and numbers of rates payable on such letters exceeding one ounce in weight, pursuant to the powers given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by and contained in the said hereinbefore recited Acts, and also to alter and amend the said hereinbefore recited Treasury Warrant, bearing date the 22nd day of October, 1847, in conformity thereto, in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

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

1. On all inland letters transmitted by the post between places within the United Kingdom (not being letters sent to or from parts beyond the seas), or posted in any post town in the United Kingdom, addressed to persons or places within such town or the suburbs thereof, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and paid, in lieu and instead of the progressive and additional rates of postage charged according to the scale, and the several numbers of rates of postage mentioned and set forth, and authorised to be charged and paid, in and by the said hereinbefore recited Act of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-six, on such last-mentioned letters, the progressive and additional rates of postage, and according to the scale of weight hereinafter mentioned and set forth, each additional rate being estimated at one penny; that is to say:—

On every such inland letter exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, one additional rate of one penny, that is to say, a postage of two pence;

On every such letter exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding one ounce and one half of another ounce in weight, a postage of three-pence;

On every such letter exceeding one ounce and one half of another ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, a postage of four-pence;

On every such letter exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding two ounces and one half of another ounce in weight, a postage of five pence;

On every such letter exceeding two ounces and one half of another ounce, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, a postage of six-pence;

And for every additional half of an ounce in weight, above the weight of three ounces, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage of one penny;

And every fraction of half of an ounce in weight, above the weight of three ounces, shall be charged as an additional half ounce in weight, and shall be liable to an additional rate of postage of one penny;

Provided that such postage be prepaid at the time of posting such letters, or that such letters be duly and properly stamped when posted, as provided by the said first hereinbefore recited Act; but in case such postage on any such letters shall not be prepaid, or such letters shall not be duly and properly stamped, there shall be charged on such letters a postage of double the amount to which such letters would otherwise be liable under this present Warrant.

2. The postage of every letter exceeding four ounces in weight, directed by the said hereinbefore recited Treasury Warrant, bearing date the 22nd day of October, 1847, to be prepaid in money, or to be duly and properly stamped when posted as is hereinbefore in that behalf mentioned and recited, shall be prepaid in money, or such letter shall be duly and properly stamped according to the scale of weight and amount of rates of postage hereinbefore by this Warrant fixed and made chargeable and payable upon such letters, and not according to the scale of weight and number and amount of rates of postage fixed and chargeable upon such letters by the said recited Act of the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Ma-