

but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for that purpose.

7. 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 exceed two feet, or in breadth or depth one foot, or if there shall be any writing or printing upon any such packet, pattern, or sample, or label attached thereto, or on the cover thereof, except as in the fifth clause of this Warrant mentioned, 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 boxes or in bags of linen or of other material which shall be fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened, or in case of boxes or bags being used, if such boxes or bags shall be so closed that they cannot be readily opened, every such packet shall and may be detained and opened, and (at the option of the Postmaster-General) 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, at the discretion of the Postmaster-General, be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage he shall think fit, not exceeding a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted, nor less than the rate of postage which such packet would have been chargeable with if authorized to be transmitted by the post.

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 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 to the address on the packet charged not only with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of postage of one penny, and the remainder of the packet, if duly prepaid by stamps, may be forwarded to the place of its address, without any extra charge.

9. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet, near the address or direction, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon, under or by virtue of this Warrant.

10. If any packet sent or tendered or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be posted without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded charged with a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, if the postage had been paid by stamps when posted. And if any such packet shall be posted, having thereon or affixed thereto a stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable, under and by virtue of this Warrant, but equal in amount to one penny at the least, every

such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps so being thereon or affixed thereto, and the postage to which such packet would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of twopence.

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 28th day of November, 1844, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said firstly hereinbefore recited Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did declare, consent, and direct (amongst other things) that no packet should be forwarded, conveyed, or delivered by the post within the United Kingdom, containing any razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, or any article, matter, or thing whatsoever which might by pressure or otherwise be rendered injurious either to the officers of the Post Office or to the contents of the mail bags.

11. Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do hereby declare and direct that, notwithstanding the said recited Warrant of the 28th day of November, 1844, any packet posted in the United Kingdom, containing any razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, keys, watch machinery, metal, metal tubing, or ore, or such like, shall and 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 herein mentioned and contained; provided that every such razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, keys, watch machinery, metal, metal tubing, or ore, or such like, so contained in any packet, be securely packed and guarded. And every such packet shall not only conform in every respect to the several orders, directions, regulations and restrictions herein contained, but the same shall also furnish sufficient protection against injury to the officers of the Post Office and to the contents of the mail bags; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize the transmission by the post within the United Kingdom of any packet containing any explosive or other dangerous material or substance.

12. And we do further order and direct, that if any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the authority of the eleventh clause of this Warrant, shall be posted or transmitted by the post without being securely packed and guarded, and without furnishing sufficient protection against injury to the officers of the Post Office and to the contents of the mail bags, as in such eleventh clause of this Warrant provided (of which the Postmaster-General shall be the sole judge), 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; and every such packet on being so returned or given up, shall be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage the Postmaster-General shall think fit, not exceeding the letter rates of postage.

13. And we do further order and direct that, in order to prevent any obstacle to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, any officer of the Post Office may delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at