

any such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

And whereas 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," further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and power is also given to the Postmaster-General (amongst other things) to collect and receive the foreign and colonial postage charged or chargeable on any letters sent by the post, and also, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to require the postage, British, colonial, or foreign, of any letters sent by the post to be prepaid, either in money or in stamps, as he might think fit, on the same being put into the Post Office, and also, with such consent, to abolish or restrict the prepayment in money of postage on letters sent by the post, either altogether or on certain letters, and to require the prepayment thereof to be in stamps, and also to refuse to receive or send by the post any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made; and power is also given to the Postmaster-General and any officer of the Post Office to detain any letters which should be posted or sent by the post, contrary to the regulations therein mentioned, and to open such letters, and either to return them to the senders thereof, or to forward them to the places of their destination, charged in either case with such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, should from time to time direct.

And whereas, by the laws now in force, seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service are entitled to certain privileges of sending and receiving by the post letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to certain regulations and restrictions in respect thereof, but letters exceeding half an ounce in weight, sent or received by such privileged persons, are chargeable with the ordinary rates of postage, and it is expedient to remit such ordinary rates of postage in certain cases to the extent hereinafter mentioned, and to make such regulations as are hereinafter contained.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose, vested in and by the said Act, 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. That on every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, and sent from or to any seaman in Her Majesty's Navy, or any serjeant, corporal, drummer, trumpeter, fifer, or private soldier in Her Majesty's Royal Marines, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any foreign or colonial station, and transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any such ships or vessels direct or through any colony or foreign country (the sea conveyance being by British packet boat), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform British rate of postage of one shilling.

2. That on every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, sent from or to any seaman in Her Majesty's Navy, or any serjeant, corporal, drummer, trumpeter, fifer, or private soldier in Her Majesty's Royal Marines, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any foreign or colonial station, and transmitted by the post between any such ships or vessels and any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any other foreign or colonial station, through the United Kingdom direct, or through any colony or foreign country (the sea conveyance being by British packet boat), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform British rate of postage of two shillings.

3. That on every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, sent from or to any seaman in Her Majesty's Navy, or any serjeant, corporal, drummer, trumpeter, fifer, or private soldier in Her Majesty's Royal Marines, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any foreign or colonial station, and transmitted by the post between any such ships or vessels and any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom direct, or through any colony or foreign country (the sea conveyance between any such ships or vessels and the United Kingdom being by British packet boat), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, the rates of British postage following (that is to say):—

For the conveyance of every such letter between Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any such foreign or colonial station, and any part of the United Kingdom, a rate of one shilling; and for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) 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 exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such colony or foreign country.

4. That on every letter transmitted as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say:

On every such letter exceeding one ounce and not exceeding one ounce and a half in weight, one rate and the half of another rate of postage.

On every such letter exceeding one ounce and a half and not exceeding two ounces in weight, two rates of postage.

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