

us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament respectively, and all and every or some or one 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, declare, and direct as follows; that is to say:—

1. The said recited Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the said 24th day of September, 1857, shall be, and the same is, hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled; and the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage therein mentioned and set forth, shall wholly cease and determine on the day on which this present Warrant shall come into operation.

2. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Belgium, or posted in Belgium addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Belgium, the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium direct by packet boat or private ship, there shall be charged and taken and paid an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of three pence, and on every such letter, when conveyed or sent in closed mails, *viâ* France, there shall be charged and taken and paid an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of four pence.

3. On every letter, not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Switzerland or the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg *viâ* Belgium, and conveyed otherwise than in a closed mail, there shall be charged and taken and paid an uniform rate of British postage of two pence.

4. On every letter, not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Belgium, or any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country *viâ* Belgium, and any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom conveyed direct by packet boat or private ship between the United Kingdom and Belgium, or sent in closed mails, *viâ* France, there shall be charged and taken and paid an uniform rate of British postage of two pence for the conveyance of every such letter between Belgium and any part of the United Kingdom, and also such a further or additional rate of British postage for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such colony or foreign country, provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services there shall be deducted therefrom the sum of one penny in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

5. On every letter so transmitted as is hereinbefore in this Warrant respectively mentioned, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage according to the scale of weight and

number of rates hereinafter-mentioned, that is to say:—

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage;

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding one ounce and not exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce in weight, three rates of postage;

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage;

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding two ounces and not exceeding two ounces and the half of another ounce in weight, five rates of postage;

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding two ounces and the half of another ounce and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage;

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

6. On every letter transmitted by the post under the authority of the second clause of this Warrant, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by being stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such letter, near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon under or by virtue of this Warrant.

7. If any letter transmitted by the post under the authority of the second clause of this Warrant shall be posted without the postage payable thereon being duly and properly paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by being stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, as hereinbefore directed, every such letter shall be charged with the postage to which it would have been liable, under the provisions of this Warrant, if the postage had been fully paid thereon when posted, together with the further and additional rate of postage of three pence.

8. If any letter transmitted by the post under the authority of the second clause of this Warrant shall be posted, having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such letter shall be charged with postage as an unpaid letter, and the amount of such stamp or stamps affixed thereto shall be allowed and deducted in charging such postage thereon.

9. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by the said first hereinbefore-recited Act, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's Service are now by law entitled to, of sending and receiving