

there shall be charged, taken, and paid, in lieu of any rates of British postage now chargeable thereon, a rate of British postage of one penny; and if exceeding the weight of four ounces, but not exceeding the weight of eight ounces, a rate of British postage of two pence; and for every additional four ounces in weight of any such newspaper above the weight of eight ounces, an additional rate of one penny shall be charged; and any fractional part of such additional four ounces shall be charged as an additional four ounces in weight.

2. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter contained, that is to say:

There shall be no word or communication printed on any newspaper after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon any such newspaper, or upon any cover thereof other than and except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent, but the name or title of such newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, news-vendor or agent, by whom the same is sent may be printed on the cover thereof;

There shall be no paper or thing enclosed in or with any such newspaper;

No packet which in length shall exceed two feet, or in width or depth one foot, shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant;

Every packet shall be sent open at the ends or sides, and either without a cover or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides.

3. If any packet sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent, by the post under this Warrant shall in length exceed two feet, or in width or depth one foot, or if any such packet, or the cover or envelope thereof, shall not be open at the ends or sides, or if any such packet shall be sent otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations hereinbefore in the second clause of this Warrant contained, every such respective packet shall be chargeable and shall be treated in all respects as a letter.

4. The several terms and expressions used in this Warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty.

5. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, duly made at any time hereafter, alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

6. This Warrant shall come into operation on the second day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the twenty-eighth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.
Luke White.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

WRINGTON.—ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR SETTLEMENT OF BOUNDARIES.

WHEREAS a Petition has been duly presented to me, under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1858, and as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, such Petition being signed by not less than one-tenth of the ratepayers resident within the boundaries of a district proposed to be called the District of Wrington, setting out the boundaries of such district, and praying for the settlement of such boundaries, as required by the said Act. And whereas after due inquiry, held by Arnold Taylor, Esq., the Inspector appointed for such purpose, I have considered the matters in question; now, therefore, I do hereby, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the aforesaid Local Government Act, dismiss the said Petition, and such Petition is dismissed accordingly.

Given under my hand this 29th day of August, 1865.

(Signed) *G. Grey.*

Home Office, Whitehall.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE.

(No. 17.)—AUSTRALIA—CORAL SEA.

Kelso Bank.

THE following description of a bank of shallow soundings in the Coral Sea, by Robert Black, Commander of the ship "Kelso," has been reported in the Shipping and Mercantile Gazette, of the 8th August, 1865.

"On the morning of April 20th, 1865, on looking over the side at daybreak, observed the water discoloured, but could see the bottom quite plain. Took several casts of the lead, getting bottom from 25 to 13 fathoms, fine coral sand with red specks, small shells, and seaweed, a strong N.E. swell at the time. Could see no broken water from the deck. At 8 a.m. ship clear of the shoal, heading N.N.W., wind N.E.; going from 3 to 4 knots. At noon the ship's position, lat. 23° 54' S.; long. 159° 20' East.; by observations I place the North end of the shoal in lat. 24° 12' S.; long. 159° 27' E. We sailed over it in a N.N.W. direction for two hours, the bottom was distinctly seen the greater part of the time, with large stones covered with seaweed."

As the Kelso bank lies in a frequented track between the Australian colonies and China, the mariner's attention is called to the necessity of a vigilant look-out when in its neighbourhood; as from the general nature of the coral banks of this region shoaler water may exist. To the southward of the Kelso bank, in lat. 25° 15' S., and long. 159° 18' E., H.M.S. "Hyacinth," in 1835, obtained several soundings of from 32 to 40 fathoms, coral and sand; these shoal casts received at the time the name of the Capel bank:—There may be other ridges between these two banks.

The recent surveys of Capt. Denham in the coral sea prove that very deep water exists in the immediate neighbourhood of the Capel and Kelso banks. At 8 miles westward of the position assigned to the latter, that officer tried for bottom with 1025 fathoms of line without success.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
10th August, 1865.

See Admiralty Charts:—Australia, Coral Sea, No. 2763; Pacific Ocean, No. 2683; and Pacific Ocean, Sheet 6, No. 2464.