

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."

And whereas it is expedient to alter the rates of British postage now payable upon certain letters in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

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

1. All letters exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in any part of the United Kingdom or in any British colony or foreign country, addressed to any place within the States of the German Postal Union, Borneo, Java, Madagascar, the United States, Brazil, Uruguay, the Argentine Confederation, or the Sandwich Islands, or posted in any of such last-mentioned countries or places, respectively addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, or to any British Colony or foreign country, and respectively transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any of the States of the German Postal Union, Borneo, Java, Madagascar, the United States, Brazil, Uruguay, the Argentine Confederation, or the Sandwich Islands, shall, in lieu of being charged with the postage payable thereon in respect of such transmission thereof, as aforesaid, according to the scale of weight and number of rates contained in or referred to by any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or otherwise, now in force relating to any such letters, be charged with the postage payable thereon under such Warrant or Warrants respectively, or otherwise, according to the scale of weight and number of rates contained and set forth in the 3rd clause of this present Warrant.

2. All letters exceeding half an ounce in weight posted in Japan, or at any foreign port in China, or on the West Coast of Africa respectively, addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, or to any British colony or foreign country, and respectively transmitted by the post from Japan, or any foreign port in China, or on the West Coast of Africa, to the United Kingdom, shall, in lieu of being charged with the postage payable thereon, in respect of such transmission thereof as aforesaid, according to the scale of weight and number of rates contained in or referred to by any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or otherwise, now in force relating to any such letters, be charged with the postage payable thereon under such Warrant or Warrants respectively, or otherwise, according to the following scale of weight and number of rates, that is to say:—

3. On every such letter exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage:

And on every such letter, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding one ounce and one half of another ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid three rates of postage:

And on every such letter if exceeding one ounce and one half of another ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four rates of postage:

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

4. Nothing in this present Warrant contained shall be construed to interfere with or affect the rates of postage now payable upon letters transmitted between the United Kingdom and any of the States of the German Postal Union, via France, or upon letters transmitted between the United Kingdom and any of the countries or places specified in the first clause of this Warrant, the sea conveyance of which is by French packet boat.

5. The term "German Postal Union" used in this Warrant, shall include the States and countries of Prussia, Austria, Bavaria, Saxony, Hanover, Wurtemberg, Baden, Luxemburg, Brunswick, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Oldenburg, Lubeck, and the countries and places comprised in the postal districts of the Prince of Tour and Taxis; viz., Frankfort-on-the-Maine, the Grand Duchy of Hesse, Hesse-Electoral, Hesse-Homburg, Schaumburg-Lippe, Lippe-Détmold, Nassau, Reuss, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Saxe-Meiningen, Saxe-Weimar, Eisenach, Hohenzollern, Schwartzburg-Rudolstadt, and Schwartzburg-Sonderhausen; the term "by the post" used in this Warrant, shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as the like term used in the said recited Acts; and the several other 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 session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, for the regulation of the duties of postage.

6. 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 altered, or any of the orders, regulations, conditions and restrictions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, regulations, conditions or restrictions in lieu thereof, and from time to time may appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

7. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

Luke White.
W. P. Adam.

Whitehall, March 8, 1866.

The Stockport Industrial School, Townend House, Stockport, in the county of Chester, has been certified by the Secretary of State as fit to be an Industrial School under the provisions of "The Industrial Schools Act, 1861."