

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. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to New Zealand or Australia, transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia, via Panama (the sea conveyance being partly by British and partly by colonial packet boat), there shall be charged and taken a uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of one shilling.

2. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post from any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, to New Zealand or Australia, via Panama (the sea conveyance from the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia being partly by British and partly by colonial packet boat), there shall be charged and taken a uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of one shilling, for the conveyance of every such letter from any port in the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia; and for the conveyance of every such letter from the British colony or foreign country from which the same shall be forwarded to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in any such British colony or foreign country, and transmitted direct from such colony or foreign country to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, 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.

3. All such respective letters so transmitted, as is mentioned in the first and second clauses of this Warrant, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

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

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage;

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage;

And for every additional ounce in weight of any letter so transmitted as aforesaid above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage; and every fractional part of such additional ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as an additional 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.

4. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by colonial packet boat from Panama to New Zealand or Australia (without such letters having previously passed through the United Kingdom), there shall be charged and taken (in addition to any other rates of postage chargeable and payable thereupon), a colonial packet rate of postage of sixpence.

5. And on every letter transmitted as is mentioned in the 4th clause of this Warrant exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, and not 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 half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage;

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

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

And for every half of an ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of two ounces, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and in charging any additional rate of postage every fraction 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 provisions of the 1st and 4th clauses of this Warrant the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or 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 letter 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.

7. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to New Zealand or Australia (except Tasmania), without any postage having been paid thereon in the mode hereinbefore required or with a postage paid thereon, in the mode hereinbefore required, which shall be less in amount than the single rate of postage to which such letter, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight, would be liable under this Warrant, every such letter shall be detained and opened, and shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof.

8. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to New Zealand or Australia (except Tasmania) with a postage paid thereon in the mode hereinbefore required, 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, but equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable on any such letter if not exceeding half an ounce in weight, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon and the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid, when