

alter and fix any of the rates of postage therein mentioned.

And whereas further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 85, 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 that certain regulations should be made for the transmission of certain packets by the post, in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament 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 and direct as follows, that is to say:—

1. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, via Belgium, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform single rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of four pence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces, and not exceeding twelve ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid three rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding twelve ounces, and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four rates of postage;

And for every additional four ounces in weight of any such packet above the weight of sixteen 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 four ounces in weight shall be charged as an additional four ounces in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with, under this Warrant, if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

2. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, may be transmitted by the post from any of Her Majesty's colonies to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, through the United Kingdom and via Belgium, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):

On every such packet if not exceeding two ounces in weight there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform single rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of two pence;

And on every such packet if exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken and paid, four rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one half of a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken and paid, eight rates of postage;

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

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

4. No such packet which in length shall exceed two feet (British), or in breadth or depth one foot (British), shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, unless under the special authority of the Postmaster-General.

5. There shall be no enclosure sealed, or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant sent in or with any such packet.

6. There shall be no writing upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the name and address of the person for whom it is intended, the name and address of the sender thereof, a trade mark and number and price of the pattern or sample contained therein; nor shall there be any writing in any such packet, except the name and address of the sender thereof, a trade mark, and number and price of the pattern or sample contained therein, which shall in all such last-mentioned cases be written or printed on labels attached to such patterns or samples, or to the bags or boxes containing the same, and not on loose pieces of paper or other material.

7. All such packets shall be sent in covers open at the ends so as to be easy of examination: Nevertheless, samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open cover, may be enclosed in boxes or in bags of linen, paper, or other material fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened; but closed bags, if transparent, may be used for this purpose.

8. Every packet transmitted by the post under this Warrant, and posted in the United Kingdom, shall be put into the Post Office at such hours in the day and under all such regulations as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

9. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid posted in the United Kingdom shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but 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