in the case of books, and whatsoever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter, or usually appertains thereto; but no packet shall contain any written letter, nor any communication in the nature of a letter, closed or open, nor any inclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any communication in the nature of a letter, written in or upon any such packet, or the cover thereof; nor shall any packet consist of or contain any photographs, drawings, prints, or other contents which may be obviously of an obscene character.

3. Every packet consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize 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 following, that is to say :--

- There shall be no inclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection and examination, nor any other inclosure, not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.
- No pattern or sample, being of any intrinsic value, or being an article or thing of a saleable nature, or having a value of its own apart from its mere ase as a pattern or sample, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.
- There shall be no writing or printing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark, and numbers and prices;
- Every packet shall be sent in a cover 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 covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen, paper, or other material, tied at the neck; but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for this purpose.

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

5. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise, whether any packet, or anything contained therein, transmitted under or by virtue of this Warrant, is entitled to the privileges of this Warrant, and to be so transmitted within the intent and meaning thereof, such question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General, whose decision thereupon shall be final and conclusive on all parties.

6. 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 recited Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. ninety-six.

7. 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 any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, or conditions in lieu thereof, and may from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid. 8. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

> Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the twentyfirst day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

> > G. G. Montgomery. Henry Whitmore.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ACT BY SWINTON DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

WHEREAS the Local Government Act, 1858, was duly adopted on the 8th day of February, 1867, by the district of Swinton, in the county of Lancaster, within the boundaries of that district, as settled for the purposes of the hereinbefore recited Act; and notice of such adoption has been duly given, as required by such Act; and it has now been certified to me that a copy of such notice has been duly advertized, and that copies have also been duly affixed in such district, and the period fixed by the said Act for appeal has now expired and no such appeal has been made:

Now, therefore, I, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby give notice, that the Local Government Act, 1858, has been adopted within the said district of Swinton; and that the said Act will, at the expiration of two months from the date of the passing of the resolution of adoption, have the force of law within the district aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of March, 1867.

(Signed) S. H. Walpole.

Home Office, Whitehall.

INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the district of Newmarket, in the county of Cambridgeshire, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to Her Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices : Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners, for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Police Courts, Newmarket, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 1867, at noon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax Acts for the district of Newmarket aforesaid.

Alex. Duff Gordon. James Disraeli.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, March 25, 1867.

India Office, March 25, 1867. THE Secretary of State for India in Councilhereby gives notice, that he has received Madras Gazettes, containing the following notices of Orders made by the Court for the Relief of