

seven, for amending the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and for providing for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications.

And whereas a Convention hath been lately made and concluded between the General Post Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the General Post Office of the Swiss Confederation, for the purpose of regulating the communications by post between the United Kingdom and Switzerland, and it is expedient, for the better carrying out of the same, that certain regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

Now, we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament respectively, and all and every, or 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 Switzerland, or posted in Switzerland addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Switzerland, the said respective letters being conveyed in a closed mail, *viâ* Belgium and Germany, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of three pence, if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of sixpence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to any foreign country, or posted in any foreign country addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any such foreign country, *viâ* Belgium, Germany, and Switzerland, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform rate of British postage of one penny, if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of twopence.

3. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in Switzerland addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, or posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country addressed to Switzerland, transmitted by the post between Switzerland and any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, *viâ* Germany and Belgium, through the United Kingdom, otherwise than in closed mails, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for such transmission thereof through the United Kingdom an uniform rate of British postage of one penny. And also for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, such a further or additional rate of British postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such colony or foreign country: 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.

4. On every letter so transmitted as is hereinbefore in this Warrant respectively mentioned, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage, according to the scale of weight and number of rates hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

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

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

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding two ounces and not exceeding two ounces and the half of another ounce in weight, five rates of postage.

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding two ounces and the half of another ounce and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And for every half of an ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of three 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 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.

5. If any letter transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Switzerland, or shall be posted in Switzerland, addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, shall represent a less amount than the rate or rates of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, if prepaid, every such letter shall be charged with postage as an unpaid letter, and the amount of such postage paid thereon, or stamp or stamps affixed thereto, shall be allowed and deducted in charging such postage thereon.

6. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by the said firstly hereinbefore recited Act, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which officers, seamen, soldiers, and others employed in Her Majesty's service are now by law entitled to, of sending and receiving by the post letters not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions made and in force for the time being in respect of the same.

7. Registered letters may be transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, upon the payment of such additional charges or rates of postage, or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General may, from time to time, direct or appoint in that behalf, provided that all rates of postage