

Treasury, or any three of them, or under the hand of one of their Secretaries or Assistant Secretaries.

And whereas, in pursuance of the said recited Acts, a system of registration has been established, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, whereby the public have been and are entitled to forward letters by the post at a certain charge or registration rate of postage, in addition to the other rates payable thereon, and it is expedient that such system of registration should be extended in manner and according to the regulations hereinafter mentioned and contained, and that certain orders, directions, and regulations for that purpose heretofore made, should be rescinded, revoked, repealed, and annulled.

Now I, William Monsell, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, by and with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, signified under the hand of one of their Secretaries, whose name is hereunto set, do hereby, rescind, revoke, repeal, and annul certain orders, directions, and regulations heretofore made by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, and bearing date the 2nd day of April, 1863, except so far as the same shall have rescinded, revoked, repealed, or annulled, any other orders, directions, or regulations theretofore made, and except as to all matters and things which shall have been made or done previous to the coming into operation of these orders, directions, and regulations, as to which the said orders, directions, and regulations, bearing date the 2nd day of April, 1863, shall be and remain in full force and effect, notwithstanding the repeal thereof, which is only to operate as from the day on which these orders, directions, and regulations shall come into operation; and I do hereby, by and with such consent as aforesaid, order, direct, and declare as follows:—

1. The registration rate of postage payable at any Post Office in the United Kingdom on inland letters, registered during the ordinary hours appointed for the registration thereof at such Post Office, shall be four pence, and such registration rate shall be payable in stamps, but this regulation shall not extend to the registration rates chargeable and payable on colonial or foreign letters.

2. All letters, whether inland, colonial, or foreign, may be registered at the Metropolitan Chief Post Offices, or at the London District Post Offices (including the Lombard-street and Charing-cross Branch Post Offices), or at any provincial Head Post Office in the United Kingdom, after the ordinary hours appointed for the registration thereof at any such Post Office, until the closing of the letter box for each despatch, or until such Post Office is closed for the night, upon payment of a late registration rate of postage of four pence, which shall be payable in stamps, in addition to the ordinary registration rate, and to any other rates chargeable or payable thereon.

3. All letters containing coin, bank notes, jewellery, watches, or postage stamps, and all letters which shall have written or put thereon the word "registered," or any other word or words of the like meaning or to the like effect when posted, whether the same shall have or contain therein coin, bank notes, jewellery, watches, or postage stamps, or not, posted in any town or place in the United Kingdom, addressed to any person, town, or place in the United Kingdom, shall be delivered to the Post Office for registration, and shall be registered by the Post Office at the time of the same being posted, and a rate of postage of four pence for every letter so registered shall be charged for the registration thereof, in addition to any other rates of postage payable thereon, or

which may become chargeable thereon under the regulations hereinbefore, in the second clause mentioned, and every such registration rate shall be paid in stamps at the time of such letters being posted.

4. If any such letters as are hereinbefore in the third clause mentioned shall be put into the Post Office without being registered by the Post Office, and without the registration rate or rates chargeable thereon, being paid in stamps, as hereinbefore in the third clause is mentioned and directed, such letters shall be registered by any Post Office through which they may pass in course of transmission thereof by the post, and shall be forwarded so registered to their destination, and shall be charged with double the ordinary registration rate of postage of four pence, in addition to any other rates of postage chargeable or payable thereon, with a deduction nevertheless equal to the amount of any stamps which may have been affixed to such letters in payment or part payment of the registration rate chargeable thereon.

5. Any such letters as are hereinbefore in the fourth clause mentioned, may be detained for the purpose of being registered by any Post Office through which they may pass in course of transmission thereof by the post, until the next ordinary dispatch to which they would have been forwarded, conveyed, and delivered, if they had been registered by the Post Office according to the directions hereinbefore in the third clause mentioned.

6. These regulations shall come into operation on and from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

Given under my hand this third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three,

*W. Monsell,*

Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

I hereby signify the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to the foregoing regulations,

*R. R. W. Lingen.*

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ACT IN THE PARISH OF HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

WHEREAS a resolution for the adoption of the Local Government Act, 1858, was, on the 27th day of March, 1873, passed by the owners and ratepayers of the parish of Handsworth, in the county of York, and notice of such adoption has been given, in writing, to the Local Government Board by the persons required to give the same:

Now, therefore, we, the said Local Government Board, do hereby consent to such adoption, and give notice, that the Local Government Act has been adopted within the said parish of Handsworth.

Given under our Seal of Office, this 7th day of June, 1873.



(Signed) *James Stansfeld,*  
President.

*John Lambert, Secretary.*

*Civil Service Commission,*

*June 7, 1873.*

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that at an Examination held in pursuance