

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS a Convention has been lately entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the French Republic for the Establishment of a Parcel Post between the two countries, and it is expedient for the due carrying out of the same, that certain rates of postage to be charged in respect of Parcels should be fixed as hereinafter appears, and that Parcels should be posted forwarded, conveyed, and delivered, subject to the regulations, conditions, prohibitions, and restrictions hereinafter appearing.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Acts relating to Her Majesty's Post Office, and in exercise of all powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by his signing the same), and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct, and declare as follows:—

Definitions.

1. In this Warrant:—

- (1.) The expression "Parcel" means a Postal Packet which is posted as a Parcel in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant, or any Warrant amending the same.
- (2.) The expression "United Kingdom" includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Places between which Parcels may be Transmitted.

2. From and after the date when this Warrant comes into operation, Parcels may, subject to the provisions of this Warrant, be transmitted by post between the United Kingdom and France, Algeria, Corsica, and Tunis, and between the United Kingdom and Italy by way of France.

Rates of Postage.

3. On all Parcels transmitted by post under this Warrant from the United Kingdom to France, there shall be charged and paid the following rates of postage (that is to say):—

On every Parcel not exceeding three pounds in weight, one shilling and four pence.

On every Parcel exceeding three pounds and not exceeding seven pounds in weight, one shilling and nine pence.

4. On all Parcels transmitted by post under this Warrant from the United Kingdom to Algeria, or Corsica, there shall be charged and paid the following rates of postage (that is to say):—

On every Parcel not exceeding three pounds in weight, one shilling and nine pence.

On every Parcel exceeding three pound and not exceeding seven pounds in weight, two shillings and two pence.

5. On all Parcels transmitted by post under this Warrant from the United Kingdom to Tunis, there shall be charged and paid the following rates of postage (that is to say):—

On every Parcel not exceeding three pounds in weight, one shilling and eleven pence half-penny.

On every Parcel exceeding three pounds and not exceeding seven pounds in weight, two shillings and four pence halfpenny.

6. On all Parcels not exceeding seven pounds in weight transmitted by post under this Warrant from the United Kingdom to Italy, there shall be charged and paid a postage of two shillings and one penny.

Maximum Dimensions and Weights.

7. Except by permission of the Postmaster-General no Parcel, addressed to France, the dimensions of which in any direction shall exceed

two feet, and no Parcel addressed to Algeria, Corsica, Tunis, or Italy, the dimensions of which shall exceed in length two feet, or in length and girth combined four feet, shall be conveyed or tendered for conveyance by post under this Warrant.

8. No Parcel which shall exceed seven pounds in weight shall be conveyed or tendered for conveyance by post under this Warrant.

Prepayment.

9. The postage chargeable according to the respective rates hereinbefore mentioned shall in all cases (except as otherwise provided in this Warrant), be prepaid at the time of posting, and such prepayment shall, in the United Kingdom be effected by means of adhesive postage stamps, or at such Post Office within such hours, and under and subject to such regulations as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time prescribe, in money.

Times of Posting.

10. Parcels intended to be transmitted by post, may, in the United Kingdom, be posted on any day of the week except Sunday, but shall not be posted on Sundays, or in England or Ireland on Christmas Day or Good Friday, and in Scotland on either of the two Sacramental Fast Days, except in the cases next hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

Where the delivery of Parcels on Sundays, or any of the other days aforesaid, at certain Post Offices, to addressees calling for the same, may hereafter be specially authorized by the Postmaster-General, the posting of Parcels on Sundays, or such other days as aforesaid, at such offices respectively, shall also be permitted within such times and in such manner as may be directed by the Postmaster-General.

Mode of Posting.

11. Except as otherwise provided in this Warrant, all Parcels shall, in the United Kingdom, be posted by being handed in at a Post Office in the manner hereinafter provided, within the hours during which such office shall be open to the public for the posting of Parcels.

Posting at Post Offices.

12. The following provisions shall apply to the posting of Parcels at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, that is to say:—

(1.) It shall be the duty of the person bringing a Parcel to hand it to an officer on duty at the counter in such office.

(2.) Such Parcel must bear the name and address of the sender and the exact direction of the addressee, and must be packed in a manner adequate for the length of the journey, and for the protection of the contents. The Parcel must also be so packed as to prevent any tampering with its contents without leaving an obvious trace of its violation, and must be sealed by means of sealing wax, lead, or otherwise, with some impress or mark of the sender. Such Parcel must also be accompanied by or have affixed to it a declaration of such kind, and stating the contents of the Parcel in such manner and form, and with such other particulars as the Commissioners of Customs and the Postmaster-General may prescribe.

(3.) Such Parcel shall be measured and weighed by such officer, and (if such Parcel do not exceed the limits of measurement or weight hereinbefore mentioned) the postage thereof according to the rates hereinbefore mentioned, shall be prepaid as hereinbefore mentioned, and shall be verified by such officer,