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TREASURY WARRANT

9th November 1858

1. The postage of all letters posted in the island of Jamaica addressed to any place within such island, shall in every case be paid at the time of being posted either in money or ... with the proper postage stamps affixed thereto...
2. If any letter ... be sent by the post between places in Jamaica ... without the postage being paid thereon either in money or postage stamps an additional rate of four pence would be added to the postage.¹

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HENRY WHITMORET
Whitehall,
Treasury Chambers

Mr. O'Connor Morris notified the public (10 December 1858) that the above warrant would come into force on 1st February.

Falmouth Post. 28th January 1859: "The prepayment of letters by postage stamps will commence on the 1st February . . . and persons who have not stamps in their possession must send to the office."

Falmouth Post. Tuesday 1st February 1859: "The new system of prepaying letters by postage stamps is now in operation."

Falmouth Post. 8th February 1859: "The new prepaid system of inland postage came into operation on Tuesday and no person can now receive an unstamped or non-prepaid letter from the Post Office without being liable to forfeit to Her Majesty the Queen the sum of four pence . . ."

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS, by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage or inland postage payable by law, on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or of any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such Warrant, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act of Parliament, passed in the eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the better regulation of colonial posts."

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act of Parliament, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant under their hands, bearing date the 11th day of October, 1843, did make certain orders and regulations for the transmission of letters by the post in the British colonies in the West Indies.

And whereas it is expedient that further regulations should be made as to the letters hereinafter mentioned.

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, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this present 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. The postage of all letters posted in the island of Jamaica, addressed to any place within such island, shall in every case be paid, at the time of the same being posted, either in money or 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 letter, near the address or direction, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon.
2. If any letter sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent, by the post, between places in Jamaica, shall be posted in that island without the postage being paid thereon either in money or by postage stamps, or having thereon or affixed thereto a stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such letter would be liable by law, every such letter shall be forwarded charged in the first- mentioned case

¹ The Warrant in its expanded form appeared in the London Gazette for 12 November 1858, stating the measure would come into force on 1 February 1859.

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with the full amount of postage to which such letter would be liable by law, together with the further and additional rate of four pence, and charged in the second-mentioned case with the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps so being thereon or affixed thereto, and the postage to which such letter would be liable as aforesaid, together with the further and additional rate of four pence.

3. 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 Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

4. 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 orders, directions, or regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other orders, directions, or regulations in lieu thereof.

5. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine. Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 9th day of November, 1858.'

H.. G. Lennox, Henry Whitmore,