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POSTAGE.

RETURNS, showing the TOTAL and WEEKLY AMOUNT of POSTAGE collected in *London, Dublin* and *Edinburgh*, during the Establishment of the FOURPENNY RATE; similar Return during the PENNY RATE; and other Returns upon the same subject.

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed

17 March 1840.

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POSTAGE.
(PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.)

COPY of TREASURY WARRANT regulating the Rate of POSTAGE on Printed VOTES and PROCEEDINGS of the IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT, [and Printed Votes and Proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, forwarded by the Post.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed, 17 February 1840.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by a warrant, under the hands of three of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 27th day of December last, they did, in exercise of the power or authority for that purpose vested in them by an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for the further Regulation of the Duties on Postage, until the 5th day of October 1840" (being the 2d and 3d of Victoria, c. 52), and a power reserved to them by a warrant of the 22d day of November last, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, order and direct (amongst other things) that the Printed Votes and Proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, and Printed Votes and Proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, might be forwarded by the post between places in the United Kingdom, and between the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's Colonies (but not through France, nor to the East Indies *vid* Falmouth and Alexandria), subject, nevertheless, to all the regulations and restrictions in force under an Act, passed in the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the Regulation of the Duties of Postage" (being the 1st of Victoria, c. 34), which Votes and Proceedings should be charged, if not exceeding two ounces in weight, with a rate of one penny, and if exceeding two ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, with a rate of two pence, and the additional rates according to the weight thereof as therein expressed, and should be subject to the regulations therein contained; and it was thereby declared, that it should be lawful for the Lords Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant under their hands at any time thereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates thereby altered, or the regulations thereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid:

Now we, the undersigned (being three of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury), do, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested, in and by the said Act of the 2d and 3d of Victoria, c. 52, and warrant of the 27th day of December last, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, by this warrant, under our hands, order and direct, that the said rates of 1 *d.* and 2 *d.* and additional rates by the said warrant of the 27th day of December last, fixed and directed to be charged on Printed Votes and Proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, and Printed Votes and Proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, forwarded by the post between places in the United Kingdom, or between the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's Colonies (but not through France

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France or to the East Indies, *viâ* Falmouth and Alexandria), shall be, and the same are hereby repealed, from and after the 10th day of February next, except as to any such Printed Votes and Proceedings posted in or brought into the United Kingdom on or before that day, and also except as to any duties of postage which shall have become due in respect of any such Printed Votes or Proceedings under or by virtue of the said warrant of the 27th day of December last, or otherwise, which may be recovered as if this warrant had not been signed.

And we do hereby further order and direct, that this present warrant shall come into operation on the 11th day of February next.

And in lieu of the rates of postage hereby repealed, we hereby fix and limit the following rates of postage to be paid to Her Majesty's Postmaster-general, for the use of Her Majesty, on and after the said 11th day of February next, on Printed Votes and Proceedings of the Imperial Parliament and Colonial Legislatures forwarded by the post, or brought into the United Kingdom, as after mentioned; and we order and direct the same to be charged and paid accordingly; (that is to say),

On all Printed Votes and Proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, and Printed Votes and Proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, forwarded by the post between places in the United Kingdom, or between the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's Colonies, or brought into the United Kingdom from the Colonies, on or after the 11th day of February next (but not through France, nor to or from the East Indies, *viâ* Falmouth and Alexandria), subject, nevertheless, to all the regulations and restrictions in force respecting such Votes and Proceedings under the said Act of the 1st of Victoria, c. 34, there shall be charged and paid the rates of postage following, namely,

If not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and paid a rate of 1 *d.*

If exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged and paid a rate of 2 *d.*

If exceeding eight ounces, and not exceeding twelve ounces in weight, there shall be charged and paid a rate of 3 *d.*

And if exceeding twelve ounces, and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, there shall be charged and paid a rate of 4 *d.*

And for every additional four ounces in weight above the weight of sixteen ounces, there shall be charged and paid an additional rate of postage of 1 *d.*

And any lesser weight than four ounces shall be charged as four ounces; provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-general (if he shall see fit) to delay the transmission of any such Printed Votes or Proceedings, for any space not exceeding 24 hours from the time at which the same would otherwise have been forwarded.

And we further order and direct, that if any such Printed Votes or Proceedings shall become chargeable with, and liable to, the full letter rates of postage, by reason of the same not being forwarded in conformity with the regulations and restrictions in force under the said Act of the 1st Victoria, c. 34, such rates shall be charged and taken according to the scale of weight and rates, and places between which the same shall be transmitted, as in the said warrant of the 27th day of December last are specified and contained respecting the forwarding of letters by the post.

And we further order and direct, that the terms and expressions used in this present warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning, in all respects, as they would have had if inserted in the said warrant of the 27th day of December last.

Provided lastly, and we hereby declare, that it shall be lawful for the Lords Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby altered, or the regulations hereby or by the said warrant of the

the 27th day of December last made, respecting the forwarding by the post of such Printed Votes and Proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, and Printed Votes and Proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures as aforesaid, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations respecting the forwarding of such Printed Votes and Proceedings by the post, in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

As witness our hands this 31st day of January 1840,

F. Baring.
R. Stuart.
Thos. Wyse.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, }
12 February 1840. }

R. GORDON.