

## POST OFFICE.

THE INLAND POST AMENDMENT (No. 17) WARRANT, 1918.  
DATED MAY 30, 1918.

1918. No. 584.

We, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by the Post Office Acts, 1908 to 1918,<sup>(a)</sup> and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of His 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:—

1. This Warrant shall be read as one with the Inland Post Warrant, 1903 (hereinafter referred to as "The Principal Warrant"),<sup>(b)</sup> and all Warrants amending the same. Warrant to be read as one with Inland Post Warrant, 1903. Letters.
2. There shall be charged and paid on letters the following rates of postage (that is to say):—
  - On every letter not exceeding four ounces in weight, three halfpence.
  - On every letter exceeding four ounces, for the first four ounces, three halfpence, and for every two ounces and for any fractional part of two ounces above the first four ounces or any additional two ounces, one halfpenny.
3. There shall be charged and paid on every newspaper, whether posted singly or in a packet of two or more, a postage after the rate of one halfpenny for every six ounces and for any fractional part of six ounces. Newspapers.
4. There shall be charged and paid on parcels the following rates of postage (that is to say):— Parcels.
  - On every parcel not exceeding three pounds in weight, sixpence.
  - On every parcel exceeding three pounds and not exceeding seven pounds, ninepence.
  - On every parcel exceeding seven pounds and not exceeding eleven pounds, one shilling.
5. There shall be charged and paid:— Postcards.
  - (a) On every postcard the rate of postage of one penny.
  - (b) On every reply postcard the rate of postage of two-pence.

(a) 8 E. 7. c. 48; 5-6 G. 5. c. 82; 8-9 G. 5. c. 10.

(b) Printed St. R. & O., Rev., 1904, "Post Office," p. 8.

Printed  
Packets.

6. There shall be charged and paid on every book packet (in this Warrant referred to as a "printed packet") the following rates of postage, that is to say:—

On every such packet not exceeding one ounce in weight, one halfpenny.

On every such packet exceeding one ounce in weight, but not exceeding two ounces, one penny.

Special con-  
ditions as to  
Printed  
Packets.

7. The following special conditions shall have effect with regard to printed packets:—

(a) Every such packet shall be subject to examination in the post.

(b) Every such packet shall be posted either without a cover or in an unfastened cover or in a cover which can be easily removed for the purposes of examination without breaking any seal or tearing any paper or separating any adhering surfaces.

(c) Any such packet posted without a cover shall not be fastened or otherwise treated so as to prevent easy examination.

(d) No such packet shall contain or bear any communication in the nature of a letter not being matter coming within the definition of such packet or being otherwise expressly allowed by the Principal Warrant.

(e) No circular which is reproduced from or produced after the fashion or in imitation of a typewritten document shall be sent by post as a printed packet save under such conditions as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct.

(f) No paper money shall be posted or conveyed or delivered by post in a printed packet, but this condition shall not apply to a stamped proxy paper or to a stamped and addressed postcard, wrapper or envelope forwarded by the sender of the packet in order that such card, wrapper or envelope may be returned through the post to such sender or some person designated by him.

Dimensions  
and weight.

8. Except with the special permission of the Postmaster-General:—

(a) There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet (other than a parcel) which exceeds two feet in length or one foot in width or depth.

(b) There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any newspaper or packet of newspapers which exceeds two pounds in weight.

(c) There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any parcel the dimensions of which shall exceed in length three feet six inches or in length and girth measured together six feet (such girth being measured round the thickest part of such parcel) or the weight of which shall exceed eleven pounds.

Amendment  
of Regula-  
tion 46 of  
Principal  
Warrant.

9. Regulation 46 of the Principal Warrant (which relates to the return of certain Postal packets) shall be read and take effect as though the word "penny" were substituted therein in lieu of the word "halfpenny."

10. In this Warrant the expression "printed packet" means a packet, not exceeding two ounces in weight, which consists of or contains one or more of the following articles or documents:— Definition.

(a) Books and other publications or works of a literary character, whether containing written dedications or not, and any other written or printed matter not being in the nature of a letter (on paper or on some substance ordinarily used for writing or printing).

(b) Sketches, drawings, paintings, photographic prints, and engravings on paper or on some substance ordinarily used for the purpose, provided it is not a brittle or exceptionally fragile substance.

(c) Maps, plans and charts, on paper or some other substance ordinarily used for the purpose, provided it is not a brittle or exceptionally fragile substance.

(d) The binding or mounting of any article hereinbefore described, provided such binding or mounting be of a kind ordinarily used for the purpose, be not made of glass, or any brittle or exceptionally fragile substance, and be transmitted in the same packet with the article in respect of which it is used.

(e) The following documents, whether containing matter in the nature of a letter or not, provided they respectively conform to the following conditions:—

Description of Document.	Conditions.
<p>Commercial or business papers of a formal character, namely, invoices, orders for goods or for work to be done, confirmations of orders, advice notes of the despatch or receipt of letters, documents, goods, or money (with or without instructions for their further treatment), waybills, bills of lading, receipts for goods or money, statements of account, price lists, prices current, market reports, delivery and shipping notes, tenders for goods or advertisements, quotations for goods, inquiries for quotations, contract notes, confirmations of contracts, share transfer notices, applications for employment, and such other similar documents as the Postmaster-General may from time to time prescribe.</p> <p>Notices of assessments and applications for payment of rates issued by overseers or other officers employed in the collection of rates.</p> <p>Notices relating to the registration of voters at parliamentary and local government elections.</p> <p>Notices, certificates, reports, and returns given or made to or by public officers and local authorities or other public bodies in the discharge of their public duties.</p> <p>Lists and tabular statements.</p>	<p>That the document consist of a printed form, and that any writing refer solely to its subject-matter, or consist of formulas of courtesy or of a conventional character not exceeding five words or initials.</p>

Description of Document.	Conditions.
Deeds, agreements, affidavits, Orders of Court, Briefs from Solicitor to Counsel, proposals and policies of insurance, and formal papers necessarily incident to insurance, powers of attorney, proxy papers, licences, voting papers, testimonials and certificates. Copies of any of the foregoing documents.	That nothing appear in the document in writing which does not form a necessary part thereof.
Circulars (that is, printed notices and letters), printed visiting cards, Christmas, New Year, Easter, and birthday cards.	<p>That nothing appear in writing on the document except—</p> <p>(1) Dates, hours, and particulars of times.</p> <p>(2) The names, addresses, and descriptions of parties.</p> <p>(3) The particulars of goods and of sums of money.</p> <p>(4) The mode of consignment or delivery of goods or money.</p> <p>(5) The terms on which business is transacted.</p> <p>(6) Index or reference numbers and letters.</p> <p>(7) Corrections of errors in print.</p> <p>(8) The place, character, and objects of meetings or appointments.</p> <p>(9) Formulas of courtesy or of a conventional character not exceeding five words or initials.</p>
Manuscript for press and printed proofs (including information for insertion in directories and similar publications) with corrections and instructions.	That any writing not forming part of the document itself refer solely to the arrangement or correction of the type or to the execution of the work.
Educational exercises and examination papers with comments, corrections, and instructions.	That any writing not forming part of the document itself refer solely to the subject-matter of the exercise or to the questions put or the answers thereto.

(f) Anything necessary or convenient for the safe transmission of any of the before-mentioned articles by post when transmitted in the same packet with the article in respect of which it is so used.

Any two or more documents coming within the definition of a printed packet may appear on the same sheet of paper, provided they are kept wholly distinct from one another.

In this definition expressions referring to print or printing shall be taken to refer to any species of type-printing easy to recognise, and to include lithography, hand stamping, or any mechanical process ordinarily used to produce a number of identical copies of written matter, and easy to recognise; and in relation to circulars shall also be taken to include type-printing after the fashion or in imitation of type-writing, and also the

reproduction of type-writing by the Mimeograph or any other mechanical process ordinarily used to produce a number of identical copies of written matter.

Expressions referring to writing shall be taken to include type-writing or any mechanical or other process ordinarily used to produce a single document.

11. On and as from the date upon which this Warrant comes into operation, the Warrants mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall be repealed to the extent mentioned in the third column of such Schedule. Provided that:—

(1) Where any provision of any Warrant not comprised in the said Schedule has been repealed by any Warrant hereby repealed, such repeal shall not be affected by the repeal effected by this Warrant.

(2) The repeal by this Warrant of any Warrant shall not affect—

(a) anything done or suffered before this Warrant comes into operation; or

(b) any legal proceeding commenced before this Warrant comes into operation in pursuance of any Warrant hereby repealed. And any such legal proceeding may be carried on and completed as if this Warrant had not been made.

12. This Warrant may be cited as the "Inland Post Amendment (No. 17) Warrant, 1918." Short title.

13. This Warrant shall come into operation on the third day of June, 1918. Commencement of Warrant.

Dated this 30th day of May, 1918. Date.

*James Parker,*

*J. Towyn Jones,*

Two of the Commissioners of  
His Majesty's Treasury.

*Albert H. Illingworth,*

His Majesty's Postmaster General.

*The Schedule.*

REPEALS.

Short Title.	Date.	Extent of Repeal.
The Inland Post Warrant, 1903.(a)	11th December, 1903	Regulation 3.
The Inland Post Amendment (No. 7) Warrant, 1906.(b)	12th September, 1906	The whole.
The Inland Post Amendment (No. 16) Warrant, 1915.(c)	30th October, 1915 ...	The whole.

(a) Printed St. R. & O., Rev., 1904, "Post Office," p.

(b) Printed St. R. & O., 1906, p. 526.

(c) Printed St. R. & O., 1915, III p. 47.