EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Warrant, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Warrant consolidates with amendments the Regulations relating to postal parcels sent to or received from places abroad.

The rates of postage chargeable on outgoing parcels are related closely to the actual cost of handling and conveyance, and vary considerably for the various parts of the world. The maximum charge for surface conveyance stated in Regulation 4 (1) is unchanged, but the maximum rates for Air Mail parcels specified in Regulation 4 (2) are double the previous amounts. This change has been rendered necessary because the previous maximum rates are not expected to be sufficient to cover the cost of conveyance by air to the more distant parts of the world to which Air Mail parcels services are, for the first time, about to be established.

The revised scale of maximum amounts of compensation for the loss of or damage to uninsured parcels set out in Part I of the Second Schedule represents, for heavy weight parcels, the current equivalents of the maximum gold franc amounts prescribed in the bi-lateral Parcel Post Agreements with foreign postal administrations. The scale which it supersedes was £1 for a parcel weighing 11 lb. or less and £1 12s. for a parcel weighing more than 11 lb. The opportunity has been taken to introduce maximum amounts of compensation for light weight parcels (up to 3 lb., and from 3 lb. to 7 lb.) to accord with the general practice of other postal administrations with which bi-lateral Agreements are in force. The conditions as to the payment of compensation for the loss of or damage to uninsured parcels are set out in Regulation 20.

The provisions as to insurance are set out in paragraphs (4) and (5) of Regulation 16, which deals with the redirection of incoming insured parcels, and in Regulation 18, which states the conditions applicable to the insurance of outgoing parcels.

Regulation 1 (2) applies the Warrant to parcels posted by members of the forces of a British Commonwealth country serving abroad.

New provisions are inserted relating to parcels exchanged between one British Postal Agency and another in the Persian Gulf. (Regulation 19, Provisos (2) and (5) of Regulation 20, Regulation 23 and Part III of 2nd Schedule.)

The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 3) Warrant, 1950

1950 No. 771

Made - - - -	12*th May*, 1950
Laid before Parliament	16*th May*, 1950
Coming into Operation	1*st June*, 1950

We, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by Sections 4, 12 and 82 of the Post Office Act 1908(a) 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

(a) 8 Edw. 7. c. 48.

signing the same), and under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, order, direct and declare as follows:—

Warrant to be read with existing Warrants

1. This Warrant shall be read as one with the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant 1948(**a**) (hereinafter called " the principal Warrant ") and all Warrants amending the same.

New Regulation 49 of the principal Warrant

2. Regulation 49 of the principal Warrant is hereby revoked and the following regulation is substituted therefor:—

" 49. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant:—

(*a*) if any article of pecuniary value, enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet other than an insured letter, be lost or damaged so as entirely to destroy its value whilst in the custody of the Postmaster General, the Postmaster General may pay to any person or persons who may in the opinion of the Postmaster General establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances) such sum not exceeding £2 18s. 0d. as he may think just;

(*b*) if any registered postal packet other than an insured letter be lost whilst in the post, the Postmaster General may pay to the sender of such packet a sum not exceeding £2 18s. 0d.

Provided that compensation shall not be payable in respect of the same packet under both paragraphs of this Regulation ".

Interpretation

3. The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) applies to the interpretation of this Warrant as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Short Title

4. This Warrant may be cited as " The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 3) Warrant 1950 ".

Commencement

5. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of June, 1950.

Dated this 12th day of May, 1950.

R. J. Taylor,
H. W. Bowden,
Two of the Commissioners of
His Majesty's Treasury.

Ness Edwards,
His Majesty's Postmaster General.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Warrant, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Regulation 2 increases from £2 to £2 18s. 0d. the compensation which, under the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant, 1948, may be paid in respect of any registered postal packet (other than an insured letter) which is lost whilst in the post, or any article of pecuniary value

(**a**) S.I. 1948 (No. 590) I, p. 3556. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

enclosed in or forming part of such a packet which is lost or damaged so as entirely to destroy its value whilst in the custody of the Postmaster General. The increased amount is the present sterling equivalent of the 25 gold francs prescribed by the Universal Postal Convention for the loss of a registered article.

The 1948 Warrant and this Warrant do not apply to parcels.

The British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 4) Warrant, 1950

1950 No. 1216

Made - - - -	*24th July,* 1950
Laid before Parliament	*26th July,* 1950
Coming into Operation	*1st October,* 1950

We, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by Sections 2, 4, 12, and 82 of the Post Office Act 1908(**a**) and Sections 2 and 6 of the Post Office (Amendment) Act 1935(**b**), 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:—

Warrant to be read with existing Warrants

1. This Warrant shall be read as one with the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant 1948(**c**) (hereinafter called "the principal Warrant") and all Warrants amending the same.

Revocation of certain existing regulations and schedules

2. The regulations specified in the First Schedule to this Warrant (being regulations contained in the principal Warrant, as amended or substituted in certain cases by the British Commonwealth & Foreign Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant 1948(**d**) or the British Commonwealth & Foreign Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant 1949(**e**)) together with the Schedules so specified are hereby revoked and the provisions contained in the seven next following Regulations shall have effect in substitution therefor.

Rates of postage on letters and postcards

3.—(1) There shall be charged and paid:

(i) On letters and postcards posted in the British Islands for transmission to a person:

(*a*) in any of the countries or places specified in the First Schedule to the principal Warrant, or

(*b*) in the United States of America, or

(*c*) in Burma, Egypt, Israel, Jordan or Palestine, or

(*d*) on board one of His Majesty's ships of war, (whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the British Islands), or

(*e*) serving in His Majesty's military or air forces in any country or place outside the British Islands,

the rates of postage specified in Part I of the Second Schedule hereto;

(a) 8 Edw. 7. c. 48. (b) 25 & 26 Geo. 5. c. 15. (c) S.I. 1948 (No. 590) I, p. 3556.
(d) S.I. 1948 (No. 1293) I, p. 3584. (e) S.I. 1949 (No. 736) I, p. 3448.