EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Warrant fixes rates of postage and fees and prescribes conditions for the postal services (other than the parcel post service) between the British Postal Agencies (in Morocco and the Persian Gulf) and other places, and between one Agency and another.

These services in the British Postal Agencies were previously covered by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant 1948(a) as amended by subsequent Amendment Warrants(b). The 1948 Warrant and the Amendment Warrants are revoked by the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Warrant 1953(c), which consolidates them with amendments. The 1953 Warrant, however, does not cover the services in the British Postal Agencies.

The Warrant gives effect to changes introduced by the Universal Postal Convention of Brussels; in particular:—

(i) No postage is made payable on packets consisting of Literature for the Blind which are sent by surface mail.

(ii) Forms of advice of the delivery of registered packets may on the request of the sender be transmitted by air.

The other main alterations made by the Warrant are:—

(i) The rates of postage on letters and postcards sent from one Persian Gulf Agency to another, and to certain other places, are reduced (reg. 3 (1));

(ii) The rates of postage on letters and postcards sent from the British Postal Agency at Tangier to the British Postal Agency at Tetuan are reduced (reg. 3 (2));

(iii) The cheap "Forces" rate of postage on letters and postcards sent from the British Islands to ships of the Royal Navy and certain Armed Forces abroad is extended to letters and postcards sent to those destinations from the British Postal Agency at Tangier (reg. 3 (3)).

1953 No. 537

The Inland Post Amendment (No. 9) Warrant 1953

Made - - - -	*25th March*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	*27th March*, 1953
Coming into Operation	*7th April*, 1953

We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by Sections two, twelve, and eighty-two of the Post Office Act 1908(d) and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by

(a) S.I. 1948/590; Rev. XVIII, p. 316; 1948 I, p. 3556.
(b) S.I. 1948/1293; Rev. XVIII, p. 316; 1948 I, p. 3584; and S.I. 1949/736; 1950/771, 1216; 1951/823; 1952/796: 1949 I, p. 3448; 1950 II, p. 383, 385; 1951 II, p. 250; 1952 III, p. 2605.
(c) S.I. 1953/1732, p. 1599 above.
(d) 8 Edw. 7. c. 48.

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

1.—(1) This Warrant shall be read as one with the Inland Post Warrant 1947(a) (hereinafter called "the principal Warrant") and all Warrants amending the same.

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

Rates of postage on inland parcels

2. The rates of postage payable in respect of inland parcels transmitted by post and the limits of size and weight of such parcels shall be those specified in the First Schedule to this Warrant, and the entries in such Schedule shall have effect in substitution for the entries numbered 7 in the First Schedule to the principal Warrant as substituted by the First Schedule to the Inland Post Amendment (No. 7) Warrant 1952(c).

Rates of postage on parcels sent to the Republic of Ireland

3. The rates of postage payable in respect of parcels posted in any part of the British Islands for transmission to the Republic of Ireland and the limits of size and weight of such parcels shall be those specified in the Second Schedule to this Warrant, and the entries in such Schedule shall have effect in substitution for the entries numbered 6 in Part I of the Sixth Schedule to the principal Warrant as substituted by the Second Schedule to the Inland Post Amendment (No. 7) Warrant 1952.

4. The Inland Post Amendment (No. 7) Warrant 1952 is hereby revoked.

5. This Warrant shall come into operation on the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and may be cited as "The Inland Post Amendment (No. 9) Warrant 1953".

Dated this twenty-fifth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

Herbert Butcher,
Hendrie D. Oakshott,
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

De La Warr,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

24th March, 1953.

(a) S.R. & O. 1947/2663; Rev. XVIII, p. 277; 1947 I, p. 1793.
(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.I. 1952/557.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

RATES OF POSTAGE CHARGEABLE ON INLAND PARCELS AND LIMITS OF SIZE AND WEIGHT

Col. 1 Description of postal packet	Col. 2 Rate of postage	Col. 3 Limit of size	Col. 4 Limit of weight	Col. 5 Conditions
Parcel ...	Weight not exceeding 2 lb., 1s. 0d. Exceeding 2 lb. but not exceeding 3 lb., 1s. 2d. Exceeding 3 lb. but not exceeding 4 lb., 1s. 4d. Exceeding 4 lb. but not exceeding 5 lb., 1s. 6d. Exceeding 5 lb. but not exceeding 6 lb., 1s. 8d. Exceeding 6 lb. but not exceeding 7 lb., 1s. 10d. Exceeding 7 lb. but not exceeding 8 lb., 1s. 11d. Exceeding 8 lb. but not exceeding 11 lb., 2s. 0d. Exceeding 11 lb. but not exceeding 15 lb., 2s. 1d.	Greatest length, 3 ft. 6 in. Greatest length and girth combined, 6 ft. (the girth to be measured round the thickest part).	15 lb.	—

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

RATES OF POSTAGE CHARGEABLE ON PARCELS TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Col. 1 Description of postal packet	Col. 2 Rate of postage	Col. 3 Limit of size	Col. 4 Limit of weight	Col. 5 Conditions
Parcel ...	Weight not exceeding 2 lb., 1s. 0d. Exceeding 2 lb. but not exceeding 5 lb., 1s. 5d. Exceeding 5 lb. but not exceeding 8 lb., 1s. 10d. Exceeding 8 lb. but not exceeding 11 lb., 2s. 0d.	Greatest length, 3 ft. 6 in. Greatest length and girth combined, 6 ft. (the girth to be measured round the thickest part)	11 lb.	—

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Warrant increases the rates of postage on inland parcels, and on parcels exceeding 2 lb. but not exceeding 8 lb. in weight posted in the British Islands for transmission to the Republic of Ireland.