1954 No. 574

The Post Office (Execution of Documents) Warrant, 1954

Made - - - -	*3rd May*, 1954
Laid before Parliament	*7th May*, 1954
Coming into Operation	*1st June*, 1954

We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by section 83 of the Post Office Act 1953(a) 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 his signing the same), and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct and declare as follows:—

Interpretation

1.—(1) In this Warrant:—

(*a*) The expression "Defence Regulations" means Regulations made under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act 1939(b), or the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts 1939 and 1940, which have effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act 1945(c) as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act 1947(d) and the Supplies and Services (Defence Purposes) Act 1951(e) or by virtue of the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Act 1946(f) and the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1947(g).

(*b*) The expression "Regional Headquarters" includes the Headquarters of the following:—

The London Postal Region.
The London Telecommunications Region.
The Home Counties Region.
The Midland Region.
The North Eastern Region.
The North Western Region.
The South Western Region.
The Directorate of the Post Office in Northern Ireland.
The Directorate of the Post Office in Scotland.
The Directorate of the Post Office in Wales and Border Counties.
The External Telecommunications Executive.

(*c*) The expression "Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters" means:—

In the London Postal Region:—
Chief Regional Engineer.
Controller, Operations.

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 36. (b) 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 62.
(c) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10. (d) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.
(e) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 25. (f) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 26.
(g) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 10.

Controller, Mails and Transport.
Staff Controller.
Regional Finance Officer.
Divisional Controller, Mount Pleasant.
Divisional Controller, East Central and Foreign Section.

In the London Telecommunications Region:—
Chief Regional Engineer.
Controller, Telephones.
Controller, Telegraphs.
Staff Controller.
Senior Chief Executive Officer.

In any Region outside London and in the Directorate of the Post Office in Northern Ireland, in Scotland and in Wales and Border Counties:—
Chief Regional Engineer.
Postal Controller.
Telecommunications Controller.
Staff Controller.
Regional Finance Officer.

In the External Telecommunications Executive:—
Staff Engineer.
Controller, Operations and Planning.
Controller, Staff and Buildings.
Chief Executive Officer.

(*d*) The expressions "Telephone Manager", "Deputy Telephone Manager" and "Telephone Manager's Office" include respectively "Telegraph Manager", "Deputy Telegraph Manager" and "Telegraph Manager's Office".

(*e*) The expression "Head of a Division in Telephone Manager's Office" means:—

In a Telephone Manager's Office:—
Area Engineer.
Chief Telecommunications Superintendent.
Chief Sales Superintendent.
Chief Clerk.
and (in offices in which those ranks are the ranks next below the Telephone Manager):—
Senior Telecommunications Superintendent.
Senior Sales Superintendent.

In the Telegraph Manager's Office:—
Assistant Manager, Personnel.
Assistant Manager, Traffic.
Senior Executive Engineer.
Chief Clerk.

(*f*) The expression "Head Postmaster, Class A" means any holder of the office of Head Postmaster of Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham or Glasgow.

(*g*) The expression "his Deputy" where inserted in the Second column of the Schedule to this Warrant, means any person acting for an officer of the designated rank during his absence.

(*h*) Any reference to an officer of any designated rank or description means (unless the contrary intention is expressed) any officer of the rank or description designated irrespective of the office at which such officer is employed.

(*i*) The expression "officer of equivalent or higher rank" where used in relation to an officer of any designated rank means an officer of a rank which has a scale of pay with the same maximum as, or a higher maximum than, the scale of pay of such designated rank.

(*j*) Any reference to an officer of any designated rank or description includes an officer of a rank or description which may be substituted for such designated rank or description and which has a scale of pay with the same or a higher maximum.

(*k*) The expression "wireless telegraphy" has the same meaning as in the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949(**a**).

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

Delegation of power to execute documents

2.—(1) Any instrument required or authorised to be executed or signed by the Postmaster-General (whether in his corporate capacity or otherwise) may be executed or signed on his behalf by the Engineer-in-Chief, the Deputy Engineer-in-Chief, the Comptroller and Accountant General, or any Director, Regional Director, Assistant Engineer-in-Chief, Assistant Secretary, Deputy Comptroller and Accountant General, Deputy Director or Deputy Regional Director of the Post Office.

(2) The instruments or documents described in the First column of the Schedule hereto may in addition be executed or signed on behalf of the Postmaster-General by any officer of the Post Office of any of the ranks or descriptions designated in the Second column of the said Schedule opposite to the descriptions of the said instruments or documents respectively.

General

3. The Post Office (Execution of Documents) Warrant, 1951(**c**) is hereby revoked.

4. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of June, 1954 and may be cited as "The Post Office (Execution of Documents) Warrant, 1954".

Dated this 3rd day of May, 1954.

Hendrie D. Oakshott,
Martin Redmayne,
Two of the Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

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

28th April, 1954.

(**a**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 54. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**c**) S.I. 1951/1996 (1951 II, p. 262).

THE SCHEDULE

Instruments or Documents	Rank or description of Officer
1. (*a*) Notices to Treat and Notices of intention to enter and take possession of land and premises given under the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845, or any Act incorporating the same or any part thereof; Notices to Treat given under the Requisitioned War Works Act 1945.	Solicitor. Assistant Solicitor. Principal.
(*b*) Bonds and any other Notices given under any of the said Acts.	Principal.
(*c*) Warrants to Sheriff to deliver possession of land and premises issued pursuant to section 91 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845.	Solicitor. Assistant Solicitor. Principal.
2. (*a*) Conveyances of land and buildings, and in Scotland Feu Contracts and Dispositions.	Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters. Head Postmaster, Class A, or his Deputy.
(*b*) Leases, tenancy agreements and all other documents relating to lands and buildings and not otherwise mentioned or provided for in this Schedule.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Area Engineer. Executive Engineer in Telephone Manager's Office. Head Postmaster or his Deputy. Postmaster, Tangier, and Postal Superintendent, Persian Gulf.
(*c*) Licences, Consents and Notices required under leases and other documents relating to lands and buildings; and Notices, requests and consents authorised or required by or under any Act of Parliament to be given by the owner or occupier of any premises.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Head Postmaster or his Deputy.
(*d*) Agreements and other documents relating to the drainage into sewers of waste and other matter from Post Office factories.	Controller, Factories Department.
3. Directions, Requests, Permits, Licences, Certificates, written permissions or authorisations or Notices granted, issued or given by the Postmaster General pursuant to Defence Regulations or any Order made thereunder.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters, or his Deputy. Senior Executive Engineer or officer of equivalent or higher rank in the Engineering Department.

Instruments or Documents	Rank or description of Officer
4. Agreements, contracts and applications for the supply of water, gas, electric light and power, and similar documents, variations thereof and notices thereunder; Agreements or licences relating to the placing of any plant, apparatus, fixtures or fittings on in or over Post Office land and buildings, variations thereof and notices thereunder.	Principal. Controller, Supplies Department. Controller, Factories Department. Senior Chief Executive Officer. Senior Executive Officer in the Supplies Department or his Deputy. Staff Engineer or officer of equivalent or higher rank in the Engineering Department. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. Regional Engineer. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Head of a Division in Telephone Manager's Office. Head Postmaster or his Deputy. District Postmaster, London. Postmaster, Tangier, and Postal Superintendent, Persian Gulf.
5. Contracts for buildings and structural alterations and other works at Crown Offices, Class II, variations thereof and notices thereunder.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. Head Postmaster, Class A, or his Deputy. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Head of a Division in Telephone Manager's Office.
6. Contracts for the purchase of goods, variations thereof and notices thereunder:—	
(*a*) Of any value	Senior Chief Executive Officer in the Contracts Department.
(*b*) Up to £2,500 in value... ...	Senior Executive Officer in the Contracts Department.
(*c*) Up to £500 in value	Executive Officer or officer of equivalent or higher rank. Assistant Engineer, Inspector, Technician, Technical Assistant Grades I & II, Mechanic-in-Charge. Head Postmaster or his Deputy. Postmaster, Tangier, and Postal Superintendent, Persian Gulf.
(*d*) Orders to manufacture, supply or deliver given under any of the Contracts described in the first column of sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) of this paragraph.	Any officer of any rank or description designated in the second column of this paragraph.
7. Contracts for the sale of goods, variations thereof and notices thereunder:—	
(*a*) Of any value	Senior Chief Executive Officer in the Contracts Department.

Instruments or Documents	Rank or description of Officer
(*b*) Up to £2,500 in value... ...	Senior Executive Officer in the Contracts Department.
(*c*) Up to £500 in value	Higher Executive Officer in the Contracts Department.
(*d*) Up to £50 in value	Executive Officer or officer of equivalent or higher rank. Head Postmaster or his Deputy. Postmaster, Tangier, and Postal Superintendent, Persian Gulf.
(*e*) Notifications of allotment given under any of the contracts described in the first column of sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) of this paragraph.	Any officer of any rank or description designated in the second column of this paragraph.
8. Contracts for the sale of scrap motor vehicles of any value, variations thereof and notices thereunder.	Motor Transport Officer Class II or officer of equivalent or higher rank in the Motor Transport Branch of the Engineering Department. Regional Motor Transport Officer. Telephone Manager or Deputy Telephone Manager. Head Postmaster or his Deputy.
9. Contracts for work or services (other than work or services of a kind specifically provided for in any other paragraph of this Schedule), variations thereof and notices thereunder:—	
(*a*) Of any value	Senior Chief Executive Officer in the Contracts Department. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy.
(*b*) Up to £2,500 in value... ...	Senior Executive Officer in the Contracts Department or at Regional Headquarters.
(*c*) Up to £500 in value	Executive Officer or officer of equivalent or higher rank. Assistant Engineer, Inspector, Technician, Technical Assistant, Grades I and II, Mechanic-in-Charge. Head Postmaster or his Deputy.
(*d*) Orders for work or services under any of the contracts described in the first column of sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) of this paragraph.	Any officer of any rank or description designated in the second column of this paragraph.
10. Contracts for the hire of small craft up to £50 in value per day.	Ships Third Officer, Third Engineer, or Ships Officer or Ships Engineer of equivalent or higher rank in the Submarine Branch of the Engineering Department.

Instruments or Documents	Rank or description of Officer
11. Contracts for charter of Post Office ships, variations thereof and notices thereunder.	Controller, Principal or Chief Executive Officer in the External Telecommunications Executive.
12. Contracts for the conveyance by road of mails and/or officers of the Post Office, variations thereof and notices thereunder.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. Head Postmaster or his Deputy. Postmaster, Tangier, and Postal Superintendent, Persian Gulf.
13. Contracts and Agreements for conveyance of officers of the Post Office, mails, and posting boxes, on public road vehicles, variations thereof and notices thereunder.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. Head Postmaster or his Deputy.
14. Contracts for the conveyance of mails by Railway, sea or air (except those Contracts for conveyance of mails by sea which must be submitted to the House of Commons), variations thereof and notices thereunder.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. Postmaster, Tangier, and Postal Superintendent, Persian Gulf.
15. Agreements, consents and other documents relating to the taking out or assignment of patents for inventions by officers of the Post Office, and variations thereof.	Principal. Senior Principal Scientific Officer. Principal Scientific Officer.
16. Agreements with the British Transport Commission and others relating to the erection of automatic stamp selling machines, variations thereof and notices thereunder.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy.
17. Licences for use of Automatic Franking Machines and notices thereunder.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. District or Assistant District Postmaster, London. Head Postmaster. Assistant Postmaster. Chief Superintendent. Superintendent. Assistant Superintendent. Postmaster, Tangier, and Postal Superintendent, Persian Gulf.

Instruments or Documents	Rank or description of Officer
18. General Licences for the sale of Stamps at a number of specified places or from a number of automatic machines installed at approved sites and notices thereunder.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy.
19. Any Licence for Sale of Stamps at one specified place or from automatic machines at one specified place and notices thereunder; Business Reply Licences and Licences for Postage Forward Parcels and notices thereunder.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. District or Assistant District Postmaster, London. Head Postmaster. Assistant Postmaster. Chief Superintendent. Superintendent. Assistant Superintendent. Postmaster, Tangier, and Postal Superintendent, Persian Gulf.
20. Certificates given under any Deed, Agreement or other instrument.	Any officer therein designated. If none:— Senior Chief Executive Officer in the Accountant General's Department. Chief Regional Engineer or his Deputy.
21. Certificates that a box or receptacle is provided with the permission or authority of the Postmaster-General for the receipt of postal packets.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy.
22.(*a*) Certificates of the amount of any sum payable in respect of a cash on delivery packet.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer.
(*b*) Certificates of the amount of any customs duty or other charges payable to Her Majesty or to the government of any country outside Her Majesty's dominions in respect of a postal packet; Certificates that any mark on any postal packet is the official mark of the Post Office or of another postal administration of any sum as due in respect of that packet; Certificates that any stamp or endorsement on any postal packet indicating that the packet has been refused or rejected or is unclaimed or cannot for any other reason be delivered is the stamp or endorsement of the Post Office or of another postal administration.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. District or Assistant District Postmaster, London. Head Postmaster. Assistant Postmaster. Chief Superintendent. Superintendent.

Instruments or Documents	Rank or description of Officer
23.(*a*) Consents to or orders for prosecutions given by the Postmaster-General and instruments stating that the Postmaster-General has consented to or ordered prosecutions.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters. Assistant Controller, London Postal Region. Regional Engineer. Senior Assistant Telecommunications Controller. Chief Telecommunications Superintendent. Head Postmaster, Class A, or his Deputy.
(*b*) Orders pursuant to section 21 of the Inland Revenue Regulation Act 1890 for the Commencement of Proceedings for the recovery of any fine or penalty under the Stamp Duties Management Act 1891, and Stamp Act 1891.	Principal.
24. Authorities to officers of the Post Office to appear in the County Courts in England and the Supreme and Inferior Courts in Scotland on behalf of the Postmaster-General.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Head of a Division in Telephone Manager's Office.
25. Memoranda of Agreement in connection with payments under the Workmen's Compensation Acts.	Principal. Senior Chief Executive Officer. Chief Executive Officer. Controller, Supplies Department, or his Deputy. Controller, Factories Department, or his Deputy. Staff Controller.
26. Agreements with the British Transport Commission as to Call Boxes in Railway Stations and on other railway property, variations thereof and notices thereunder.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters. Regional Engineer. Head Postmaster, Class A, or his Deputy. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Senior Assistant Telecommunications Controller. Chief Telecommunications Superintendent. Head of a Division in Telephone Manager's Office.

Instruments or Documents	Rank or description of Officer
27. Agreements with Corporations or other public bodies for the provision of Signs, Letter Boxes, Telephone Call Boxes or Kiosks on their premises or on property or highways under their control, variations thereof and notices thereunder; Agreements regarding the erection of Signs, Letter Boxes, Telephone Call Boxes or Kiosks on private property, variations thereof and notices thereunder.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters. Regional Engineer. Senior Assistant Telecommunications Controller. Chief Telecommunications Superintendent. Assistant Postal Controller, Class I. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Head of a Division in Telephone Manager's Office. Head Postmaster or his Deputy. Postmaster, Tangier, and Postal Superintendent, Persian Gulf.
28. Guarantees for the extension of the Telephone system and for Call Offices on private premises when there are guarantors other than the Call Office Attendant and notices thereunder.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters. Regional Engineer. Senior Assistant Telecommunications Controller. Chief Telecommunications Superintendent. Head Postmaster, Class A, or His Deputy. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Head of a Division in Telephone Manager's Office.
29. Agreements with Call Office Attendants, Caretaker-Operators and Exchange Attendants for the installation of Call Offices or Exchanges on their premises, variations thereof and notices thereunder.	Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters. Regional Engineer. Senior Assistant Telecommunications Controller. Chief Telecommunications Superintendent. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Head of a Division in Telephone Manager's Office.

Instruments or Documents	Rank or description of Officer
30.(*a*) Telephone Exchange Line Agreements and notices thereunder; Other Telephone Agreements and Private Telecommunication Agreements and notices thereunder; Notices, instruments and documents required or authorised to be given or signed under Statutory Telephone Regulations made under the Telegraph Act 1885 or the Telephone Act 1951 other than the instruments and documents specifically provided for in sub-paragraph (*b*) of this paragraph, irrespective in any of the above cases of the locality in the United Kingdom of the line or apparatus concerned.	Clerical Officer or officer of equivalent or higher rank, or Temporary Clerk, Grade II, employed on duties connected with the telephone service of the Post Office.
(*b*) Accounts and Statements certified under Statutory Telephone Regulations made under the Telephone Act 1951; Praecipes and Particulars of Claim in respect of proceedings instituted in the County Court for recovery of rental charges and other sums in respect of telephone service.	Executive Officer or officer of equivalent or higher rank employed on duties connected with the telephone service of the Post Office.
31. Praecipes and Particulars of Claim in respect of proceedings instituted in the County Court for recovery of charges in respect of telegraph service.	Executive Officer or officer of equivalent or higher rank, Telecommunications Traffic Superintendent, or Assistant Postmaster, employed on duties connected with the telegraph service of the Post Office.
32. Licences and other Documents relating to the transaction of telegraph (including telephone) business and notices thereunder.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters.
33. Contracts and Licences to provide telecommunications and notices thereunder.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters.
34. Licences to establish, work and use stations for wireless telegraphy, and to install work and use apparatus for wireless telegraphy, of the following categories, and notices thereunder other than notices specifically provided for in any of the following paragraphs of this Schedule:—	
(*a*) Licences for or in respect of ships, aircraft, aeronautical ground stations, police, fire brigades, relay exchanges, amateur stations, and any business purposes.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Executive Officer.

Instruments or Documents	Rank or description of Officer
(*b*) Licences for reception of wireless broadcast programmes.	Head Postmaster. District Postmaster in London. Postmaster. Sub-Postmaster. Any assistant of an officer of any of the ranks mentioned above in this sub-paragraph.
(*c*) Licences of any other categories.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Senior Executive Engineer or officer of equivalent or higher rank in the Engineering Department or the External Telecommunications Executive.
35. Warrants of Authority to take possession of wireless stations.	Principal or his Deputy. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. Senior Executive Engineer or officer of equivalent or higher rank in the Engineering Department.
36. General notices of revocation, or of variation of the terms, provisions or limitations, of wireless telegraphy licences applicable to licences of a particular class.	Principal.
37.(*a*) Individual notices of revocation, or of variation of the terms, provisions or limitations, of wireless telegraphy licences for or in respect of ships, aircraft, aeronautical ground stations, police, fire brigades, relay exchanges, amateur stations and any business purposes.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Executive Officer.
(*b*) Individual notices of revocation, or of variation of the terms, provisions or limitations, of wireless telegraphy licences for reception of wireless broadcast programmes.	Principal.
(*c*) Individual notices of revocation, or of variation of the terms, provisions or limitations, of licences of any categories other than those mentioned in sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of this paragraph.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer. Senior Executive Engineer or officer of equivalent or higher rank in the Engineering Department.

Instruments or Documents	Rank or description of Officer
38. Certificates of competence of persons successful at examinations for wireless personnel.	Radio Assistant Superintendent or officer of equivalent or higher rank in the Wireless Telegraph Section of the Radio and Accommodation Department.
39. Authorities to persons to fill positions in connection with the operation of wireless telegraphy stations or apparatus.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Senior Executive Officer. Higher Executive Officer.
40. Notices of suspension or revocation of authorities to persons to fill positions in connection with the operation of wireless telegraphy stations or apparatus.	Principal.
41. Notices under section 11 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 requiring that apparatus shall not be used, or that its use shall be restricted, and notices revoking or varying such first mentioned notices.	Principal.
42. Notices under section 12 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 prohibiting the sale, offering or advertising for sale, letting on hire or offering or advertising for letting on hire, of apparatus, and notices revoking such notices.	Principal.
43. Notices, instruments and documents required or authorised to be given or signed under Regulations made under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 other than notices specifically provided for in any of the preceding paragraphs of this Schedule.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. Senior Executive Engineer or officer of equivalent or higher rank in the Engineering Department.
44. Orders for application for warrant or authorisation of a justice of the peace or Sheriff, pursuant to section 15 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949; Authorisations of officers of the Postmaster-General to enter and search premises, vehicles, vessels or aircraft and to examine and test apparatus found therein, under a warrant or authorisation of a justice of the peace or Sheriff, pursuant to the said section 15.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy.
45. Orders for application for search warrants and appointment of officers pursuant to section 1 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1904.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy.

Instruments or Documents	Rank or description of Officer
46. Agreements relating to the construction, maintenance, use or alteration of posts, wires, plant and apparatus on, in, over or under highways or private property (including railways and other statutory undertakings), variations thereof and notices thereunder.	Principal. Assistant Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Head of a Division in Telephone Manager's Office. Executive Engineer. Higher Executive Officer.
47. Notices under the Telegraph Acts 1863 to 1951 (other than counter-notices under section 7 of the Telegraph Act 1878), and notices under the Public Utilities Street Works Act 1950 (other than notices under paragraph 3 of Part I of the Fourth Schedule to the last mentioned Act).	Principal. Assistant Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters. Regional Engineer. Senior Assistant Telecommunications Controller. Chief Telecommunications Superintendent. Senior Executive Officer at Regional Headquarters. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Head of a Division in Telephone Manager's Office. Executive Engineer. Higher Executive Officer.
48. Counter-notices under section 7 of the Telegraph Act 1878, and notices under paragraph 3 of Part I of the Fourth Schedule to the Public Utilities Street Works Act 1950.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. Regional Engineer. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Head of a Division in Telephone Manager's Office.
49.(*a*) Petitions and affidavits in connection with the issue and conduct of bankruptcy and winding up proceedings.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters.
(*b*) Proofs of debt in bankruptcy, winding up proceedings, liability adjustment proceedings or other similar cases.	Clerical Officer or officer of equivalent or higher rank.
50. Certificates given pursuant to subsection (3) of section 70 of the War Damage Act 1943.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters.
51. Notices of Change of Solicitor. Notices other than those specifically provided for in any of the preceding paragraphs of this Schedule.	Principal. Head of a Branch at Regional Headquarters or his Deputy. Head Postmaster, Class A, or his Deputy. Telephone Manager. Deputy Telephone Manager. Head of a Division in Telephone Manager's Office.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Warrant delegates to officers of the Post Office power to execute or sign documents on behalf of the Postmaster-General. It revokes and replaces the Post Office (Execution of Documents) Warrant 1951 (S.I. 1951/1996 (1951 II, p. 262)) and makes a number of changes in the signing powers conferred by that Warrant.

POULTRY

1954 No. 122

The Live Poultry (Movement Records) Order, 1954

Made - - - - 1*st February*, 1954
Coming into Operation 19*th February*, 1954

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Sections 1 and 45 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950(a), and of all other powers enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Live Poultry (Movement Records) Order, 1954, and shall come into operation on the 19th day of February, 1954.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"Day-old chick of poultry" means a live bird of the following species, that is to say, domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks and guinea-fowls, during the first 72 hours of its life or while it has not been fed, whichever period is the shorter.

"Minister" and "Ministry" mean the Minister and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries respectively.

"Poultry" means live birds of the following species, that is to say, domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks, and guinea-fowls but does not include day-old chicks of the same species.

"Poultry dealer" means a person habitually engaged in the business of buying and reselling poultry or day-old chicks of poultry but does not include a person who as auctioneer sells poultry or day-old chicks of poultry which are the property of another person, and a person shall not be deemed to be a poultry dealer by reason only that he sells for slaughter poultry which he has purchased and fed for that purpose.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Keeping of Records by Poultry Dealers

3. Every poultry dealer shall keep a record in which there shall be correctly entered the following particulars in respect of each purchase by him of poultry and of day-old chicks of poultry, namely:—

(i) the date and place of purchase;

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.