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BY AUTHORITY.

No. 1.

Downing Street, 23rd June, 1854.

SIR,—With reference to previous correspondence, I have to inform you that the Postmaster General has communicated to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury the fact that the Government of New Brunswick has acquiesced in the measure proposed by Her Majesty's Government for reducing to an uniform rate of Six pence the half ounce the Postage of Letters between the United Kingdom and the British Colonies, and for levying upon Parliamentary Proceedings to and from the Colonies the same rates of Postage as those fixed for other Books transmitted through the Post, and that their Lordships have been pleased to authorize the necessary steps to be taken for carrying the measure into effect.

The Postmaster General has recommended to the Treasury to fix by their Warrant the First of August next as the day for bringing the reduced rate into operation. The reduction of Postage upon Letters will therefore be carried into effect with regard to all correspondence posted in the United Kingdom for New Brunswick on and from the date above mentioned, and corresponding arrangements should accordingly be made in New Brunswick with regard to all Letters which are posted there for transmission to the United Kingdom on and from the same date.

The assimilation of charge between Parliamentary Proceedings and other Books will take place at the same time.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

G. GREY.

Lieutenant Governor Sir Edmund Head, Bt., &c. &c. &c.,
New Brunswick.



By His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD,
Baronet, Lieutenant Governor and Commander
in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick,
&c. &c. &c.

EDMUND HEAD.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act made and passed in the sixteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act in amendment of the Law relating to Inland Posts," it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, by Order in Council duly made and published in the Royal Gazette, to carry out any arrangements from time to time made for facilitating the transmission of Books and Pamphlets, or for reducing the Rates of Postage on Letters between Great Britain and the Colonies, which may be sanctioned by Her Majesty's Postmaster General, or by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury: And whereas Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the said Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to authorize the reduction of the Postage on Letters between the United Kingdom and the Colony of New Brunswick to a uniform rate of Six pence Sterling the half ounce, and have further

sanctioned the levying on Parliamentary proceedings transmitted to and from the said Colony by Post, the same rates of Postage as those fixed for other Books transmitted by Post;

Now in pursuance of the Act aforesaid, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council hereby orders, that on and after the first day of August next ensuing, the Rates of Postage on Letters and on Parliamentary Proceedings transmitted between this Colony and the United Kingdom, shall be as hereinbefore recited, that is to say:

A uniform rate of Six pence Sterling the half ounce on Letters between the United Kingdom and the Colony of New Brunswick; and

On Parliamentary Proceedings transmitted to and from the said Colony—

	Sterling.
For each Packet not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. in weight, - - -	Six pence.
Do. do. exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb. -	One Shilling.
Do. do. exceeding 1 lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs. -	Two Shillings.
Do. do. exceeding 2 lbs. and not exceeding 3 lbs. -	Three Shillings.

And so on, increasing One shilling for every additional pound or fraction of a pound.

Provided however that the following conditions be carefully observed with regard to the transmission of said Parliamentary proceedings, that is to say:—

1st. Every such Packet must be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides.

2nd. It must contain a single volume only, the several sheets or parts thereof, where there are more than one, being sewed or bound together.

3rd. It must not exceed two feet in length, breadth, width, or depth.

4th. It must have no writing or marks upon the cover or its contents except the Name and Address of the Person to whom it may be sent.

5th. The Postage must be prepaid in full.

If any of the above conditions be violated the Packet must be charged as a Letter and treated as such in all respects.

To prevent any obstacles to the regular transmission of Letters any Officer of the Post Office may delay the transmission of any such Packet for a time not exceeding forty eight hours from the time at which the same would otherwise have been forwarded by him.

As no Parliamentary Proceedings may be sent by any route which would entail an expense of transit Postage on the Post Office Department, these Regulations apply only to Parliamentary Proceedings sent by the British Contract Packets direct to and from New Brunswick via Halifax.

The above instructions are not to extend to or interfere with transmission of Printed Votes or Proceedings of Parliament, or of Printed Papers allowed to pass by the Post, under the Newspaper Privilege, all of which will continue subject to the existing Regulations.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Fredericton, the twenty first day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

J. R. PARTELOW.