



ANNO QUINTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 15.

By His Excellency SIR JOHN FRANKLIN, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Knight of the Greek Order of the Redeemer, and a Captain in Her Majesty's Royal Navy, Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies, with the advice of the Legislative Council.

AN ACT to amend an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth intituled An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws providing for the Conveyance and Postage of Letters.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the present Rate of Postage on Inland and Ship Letters should be altered and be reduced to one uniform rate to be charged on every Letter of a given weight to be hereafter fixed and determined with a proportionate increase for greater weights official and other franking being strictly regulated—AND WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to give by Law to the Lieutenant-Governor authority to take the necessary steps to give effect to such alteration and to make orders and regulations for the same—

PREAMBLE.

I. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by His Excellency SIR JOHN FRANKLIN Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order Knight of the Greek Order of the Redeemer and a Captain in Her Majesty's Royal Navy Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies by and with the advice of the Legislative Council that from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor from time to time by Proclamation to alter fix reduce or remit all or any of the present Rates of Inland or other Postage payable by Law on the transmission of Letters passing through the several Post Offices in the Island of Van Diemen's Land or its Dependencies and to subject such Letters to Rates of Postage according to the weight thereof and a scale of weight to be contained in such Proclamation (without reference to the distance or number of miles the same shall be conveyed) and to fix and limit the weight of Letters to be sent by the Post and from time to time by Proclamation as aforesaid to alter or repeal any such altered or reduced Rates and make and establish any

Lieutenant-Governor by Proclamation to alter fix reduce or remit Rates of Postage.

Rate of Postage not to exceed Four Pence the Half Ounce for Letters delivered beyond Hobart Town and Launceston Two Pence in Hobart Town and Launceston except Foreign Letters.

Postage upon Letters arriving from parts beyond the Seas.

Postage upon Letters to be forwarded to parts beyond Seas.

Repeals 3rd Section of 4 W. 4. No. 18.

Official franking to be regulated by the Lieutenant-Governor.

new or other Rates in lieu thereof and from time to time by Proclamation to appoint at what time the Rates which may be payable are to be paid that is to say whether on posting the Letter or on the receipt thereof or at either of those times at the option of the sender—PROVIDED ALWAYS that no such rate for Post Letters other than and except Letters arriving from parts beyond the seas sent beyond the limits of Hobart Town and Launceston shall at any time exceed Four Pence for each Half Ounce in the weight of each Letter and Two Pence for each Half Ounce in the weight of each Letter except as aforesaid intended for delivery within the limits of Hobart Town and Launceston respectively.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED that the Postage to be paid for each Letter arriving from parts beyond the seas and delivered within the limits of Hobart Town and Launceston respectively shall not exceed the sum of Four Pence for each Half Ounce in the weight of such Letter and each Letter arriving from parts beyond the seas and sent or delivered beyond the limits of Hobart Town or Launceston respectively shall be liable to a charge of One Penny without reference to the weight thereof in addition to the authorised charge for the conveyance of each Letter delivered beyond the limits of Hobart Town and Launceston respectively.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED that the Postage to be paid upon each Letter sent to parts beyond the seas through the respective Post Offices of Hobart Town and Launceston shall not exceed the sum of Four Pence for each Half Ounce in the weight of each Letter and each Letter put into any Post Office in this Island beyond the limits of Hobart Town and Launceston respectively intended to be sent to parts beyond the seas shall in addition to the authorised Inland Postage for the conveyance of each such Letter to Hobart Town or Launceston respectively for that purpose be liable to a further charge of One Penny upon every such Letter without reference to the weight thereof.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED that from and after the first day of January next the Third Section of the Act of this Island intituled *An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws providing for the Conveyance and Postage of Letters* shall be and the same is hereby repealed excepting only as to Letters then sent or lying in the different Post Offices in this Island and for which the Postage shall not have been then paid or accounted for.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor by Proclamation as aforesaid to suspend wholly or in part any official privilege of sending or receiving Letters by the Post free of Postage or any other franking privilege of any description whatsoever or any exemption from Postage authorised under the Act of Council Fourth William the Fourth Number Eighteen and to make such regulations for the future exercise of official franking as He the Lieutenant-Governor from time to time shall think fit.

JOHN FRANKLIN.

Passed the Legislative Council this twenty-fifth day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty-one,

W. E. NAIRN, *Clerk of the Council.*