

Brazos Santiago, and all the inlets, estancias, and passes on the said eastern coast of Mexico, and, from and after the date of this Proclamation, in a state of actual and absolute blockade by the armed vessels of the nation.

And for the purpose of carrying this Order, Decree, and Proclamation into complete effect, an armed naval force now is, and will be continued to be, kept at or near the said ports, inlets, and passes of the eastern coast of Mexico, entirely sufficient to enforce this Decree. For any breach or effort at breach of this blockade, the offending vessel and cargo will be liable to confiscation, and the officers and mariners of such vessel will be subject to the penalties attached to a breach of blockade.

This Decree shall take effect, as to vessels sailing from New Orleans, within three days after its publication in that city, and within five days as to any neutral port in the Gulf of Mexico, within twenty days as to any port in the United States north of the Gulf of Mexico, and in forty-five days as to vessels from any ports in Europe.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand, and the great seal of this Republic, at the city of Houston, this twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord, 1842, and of the independence of the Republic, the seventh.

(Signed) SAMUEL HOUSTON.

Signed by the President,  
(Signed) ANSON JONES, Secretary of State.

*Foreign-Office, May 31, 1842.*

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Timothy Darling as Consul for the United States of America, at Nassau, in the island of New Providence.

*Crown-Office, May 31, 1842.*

MEMBER returned to serve in this present  
PARLIAMENT.

*County of Londonderry.*

Robert Bateson, of Belvoir-park, in the county of Down, Esq. in the room of Sir Robert Bateson, who has accepted the Chiltern Hundreds.

*Office of Ordnance, 27th May 1842.*

*Corps of Royal Engineers.*

*To be First Lieutenants.*

Second Lieutenant Albert O'Donnell Grattan, vice St. George L. Lyster, deceased.  
Second Lieutenant Mervin Vavasour, vice Lloyd.  
Second Lieutenant James Swayne Baker, vice Thomas R. Lyster, deceased.

MEMORANDUM.

The date of Lieutenant Jervois's promotion has been altered to the 8th October 1841.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Wilts.*

*Royal Regular Militia.*

The Honourable St. John George Paul Methuen to be Captain, vice Jacob, resigned. Dated 21st May 1842.

#### COURT OF EXCHEQUER.

*Trinity Term.—5th Victoria.*

*Monday, the 30th day of May 1842.*

This Court will, on Friday the 17th day of June next, and on Saturday the 18th day of the same month, and also on Wednesday the 22d, Thursday the 23d, Friday the 24th, and Saturday the 25th days of the same month, and on Thursday the 30th day of the same month, hold Sitings, and will proceed in disposing of the business pending in the New Trial and Special Papers.

*By the Court.*

Read in open Court, Monday,

May 30, 1842,

Stepn. Richards, Master.

#### TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Postmaster General to charge on all letters conveyed by the post, between places within any of Her Majesty's colonies, or conveyed by packet boats, between one part of Her Majesty's dominions and another part of the same dominions, or between Her Majesty's dominions and foreign parts, or between one port in any foreign country, and another port in the same, or any other foreign country, where post communications shall be established, and where rates of postage have not hitherto been authorized by law; and also to charge on all letters conveyed by any vessels to or from any of the colonies, or between any of the colonies, or between any of the colonies and a foreign port, and on all letters which shall be brought by the master of any vessel to the post office in any of the colonies, such rates of postage as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by warrant under their hands, shall from time to time direct; and by the same Act, power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage, or inland postage, payable by law, on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters, or newspapers, or of any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such warrant; and from time to time, by warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof; and by warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid; and it is provided that the power thereby given, to alter and fix rates of postage, should extend to any increase or reduction, or remission of postage; and

whereas by a warrant under the hands of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 31st day of December 1841, the said Commissioners did, in exercise of the power for such purpose vested in them by the said recited Act, amongst other things direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by packet boat between any ports or places on the western coast of South America (in addition to any other rates payable under the said warrant, for the transmission by packet boat to or from the northern or eastern coast of the Isthmus of Panama), there should be charged and taken a packet rate of one shilling; and by the said warrant, progressive and additional rates were made chargeable on such letters as aforesaid, if exceeding half an ounce in weight. Now we, the undersigned, being three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in further exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested, in and by the said recited Act, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf by this warrant under our hands, order and direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted direct by British packet boat between any port in Spain, and any port in Madeira, the Canary Islands, or the Azores (without passing through the United Kingdom), there shall be charged and taken a packet rate of one shilling; and on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted direct by British packet boat, between any port in Spain, and any port (whether British or foreign) in the West Indies, or on the northern or eastern coast of the Isthmus of Panama, or elsewhere on the eastern coast of north or south America (without passing through the United Kingdom), there shall be charged and taken a packet rate of two shillings.

And we further direct, that if any letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, so transmitted as aforesaid, between Spain and any port or place on the northern or eastern coast of the Isthmus of Panama, or eastern coast of North or South America, shall be also transmitted by packet boat between any ports or places on the western coast of South America, there shall be charged and taken thereon (in addition to the said packet rate of two shillings hereby made payable), the western coast packet rate of one shilling, payable on such letters under the said recited warrant.

And we further direct, that on every letter transmitted as is mentioned in this warrant exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates in the said Act contained as to letters, estimating and charging each additional rate at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this warrant if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

And we further direct, that the Postmaster General may in his discretion cause the postage of any letters transmitted as is mentioned in this warrant to be paid on being put into the post office, or on being delivered to an officer of the post office, to be forwarded by the post.

And we further direct, that nothing contained in this warrant shall be deemed or construed, to annul, prejudice or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act, or by an Act

made, and passed in the first year of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the management of the Post Office," and that all such exemptions and privileges shall remain in full force.

And whereas by the said Act it is enacted that the Postmaster General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, may allow colonial newspapers to pass by the post between places within any of her Majesty's colonies, or by packet boat or private ship from one colony to another colony, whether through the United Kingdom or not; and also allow foreign newspapers to pass through the United Kingdom, either to Her Majesty's colonies or from one foreign country to another foreign country, by packet boat or private ship; and also allow British newspapers to be sent to the colonies through a foreign country, and colonial newspapers to be sent through a foreign country to the United Kingdom free of postage, or subject to such rates of postage, and under all such regulations and restrictions as the Postmaster General, with such consent as aforesaid, may think fit.

And whereas by a warrant under the hands of three of the Commissioners of the Treasury, dated the 31st day of August now last, the said Commissioners did direct the several rates of postage therein mentioned to be charged and paid on printed newspapers conveyed between the several places therein named, and did also direct that all printed colonial newspapers might be conveyed between any of Her Majesty's colonies by packet boat free of postage, and by private ships at a sea rate of one penny each.

Now we, the undersigned, in further exercise of the several powers and authorities vested in us by the said Act, do hereby direct that on every printed newspaper (whether British, colonial, or foreign), conveyed direct by packet boat or private ship between any port in Her Majesty's colonies, and any foreign port, and on every printed newspaper (whether British, colonial, or foreign), conveyed direct by packet boat between one foreign port and any other foreign port (but without in either case passing through the United Kingdom, and where such rate as after mentioned has not been already fixed for the conveyance of such newspaper by the said warrant of the 31st day of August last), there shall be charged and paid a sea postage of two pence, provided that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect the right to send printed colonial newspapers by packet boat between any of Her Majesty's colonies free of postage, and by private ships at a sea rate of one penny each as before mentioned.

And we further direct, that no printed newspapers shall be conveyed by packet boat or private ship at the rate of postage herein set forth, unless the same shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the sides, and there be no word or communication printed on the paper after its publication, or upon the cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon it, or upon the cover of it, except the name and address of the person to whom sent, nor any paper or thing enclosed in or with any such paper.

And we further direct, that the terms and expressions used in this present warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said recited Act.

And we further direct, that this warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of June 1842.

Provided always, and we hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby fixed, or the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and, from time to time, to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury-chambers, the 27th day of May 1842.

J. MILNES GASKELL,  
ALEX. PRINGLE.  
JOHN YOUNG.

*Guildhall, May 28, 1842.*

**I**N pursuance of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for raising a sum of money for the repair of Blackfriars-bridge," and in obedience to an order of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the city of London, in Common Council assembled; notice is hereby given, that it is their intention to redeem the annual sum of £172, part of an annuity or annual sum of £400, granted in respect of the sum of £10,000, advanced by virtue of the said Act, and secured by a bond or obligation, under the common seal of the said city, bearing date the 1st October 1835, and numbered 1; and I do hereby give notice, that (in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act), at the end of six calendar months next after the date hereof, upon payment or tender of the sum of £4300, together with a proportionate part of the said annual sum of £400, up to the day of such payment or tender, to or for the person or persons then entitled thereto, at my Office of Chamberlain of the said city, in the Guildhall of the said city, the said annual sum of £172 will cease and determine; nevertheless, such person or persons at any time after this notice, and before the end of the said six calendar months, will be entitled, at the expiration of fourteen days next after a declaration in writing, of his, her, or their intention to receive the same shall have been delivered at the said Office (such declaration being delivered between the hours of ten in the morning and two in the afternoon), to be paid at the said Office, the said sum of £4300, together with a proportionate part of the said annual sum of £400, up to the day expressed in such declaration for receiving the same; and the said annual sum of £172 will, on the day specified in such declaration for payment, cease and determine.

*Jas. Shaw, Chamberlain.*

#### SALE OF OLD STORES AT GOSPORT.

Admiralty, Somerset-Place,  
May 26, 1842.

**T**HE Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland do hereby give notice, that on Thursday the 9th June next, at twelve o'clock at noon, the Captain Superintendent will put up to sale, in the Royal Clarence Victualling-yard at Gosport, several lots of

Old Stores,

Consisting of Serviceable Tongues, old Provisions, Biscuit Bags, Iron Tanks, Staves, Heading, Religious Books, &c. &c. &c.

all lying in the said Yard.

Persons wishing to view the lots must apply to the Superintendent for notes of admission for that purpose.

Catalogues and conditions of sale may be had here and at the Yard.

#### SALE OF OLD STORES AT DEPTFORD.

Admiralty, Somerset-Place,  
May 28, 1842.

**T**HE Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland do hereby give notice, that on Wednesday the 15th June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Captain Superintendent will put up to sale, in Her Majesty's Victualling-yard at Deptford, several lots of

Old Stores,

Consisting of Provisions, Staves, Heading, Fire Wood, Casks, &c. &c. &c.

all lying in the said Yard.

Persons wishing to view the lots must apply to the Superintendent for notes of admission for that purpose.

Catalogues and conditions of sale may be had here and at the Yard.

#### CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS ARTICLES FOR HOSPITAL SERVICE.

Department of the Inspector-General of Naval Hospitals and Fleets, Somerset-Place, May 24, 1842.

**T**HE Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland do hereby give notice, that on Thursday the 16th June next, at one o'clock, they will be ready to treat with such persons as may be willing to contract for supplying and delivering, within four calendar months, into the Medical Stores, at Her Majesty's Victualling-yard at Deptford, all or any of the under-mentioned articles, viz.

Calico, 9000 yards.  
Sacking Bottoms, 800 number.  
White Cotton Coverlits, 500 number.  
Table Cloths, 600 number.  
Towels, 800 number.