

improving the metropolis, and of providing increased facilities of communication within the same.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Trenham Walshman Philipps, Esq. to be Secretary to the said Commission.

Foreign-Office, December 6, 1842.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq. now Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Republic of Peru, to be Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Republic of Venezuela.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint William Pitt Adams, Esq. now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation to the Mexican Republic, to be Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Republic of Peru.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Percy William Doyle, Esq. now First Attaché to Her Majesty's Embassy to the Ottoman Porte, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation to the Mexican Republic.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Anthony Barclay, Esq. to be Her Majesty's Consul in the State of New York.

Downing-Street, December 5, 1842.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Giacomo Pantaleone Bruno, Esq. to the office of Judge in the Island of Malta.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Antonio Micallef, Esq. to the office of Crown Advocate in the Island of Malta.

Downing-Street, December 5, 1842.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Augustin Norbert Morin, Esq. to be Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Province of Canada.

Crown-Office, December 5, 1842.

MEMBER returned to serve in this present PARLIAMENT.

County of Bute.

The Honourable James Stuart Wortley, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir William Rae, Bart. deceased.

Office of Ordnance, 5th December 1842.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Second Captain William Robert Nedham to be Adjutant, vice Somerville, promoted. Dated 4th December 1841.

Second Lieutenant Edward Arthur Williams to be First Lieutenant, vice Balfour, deceased. Dated 29th November 1842.

Admiralty, November 25, 1842.

Corps of Royal Marines.

Second Lieutenant Francis James Polkinghorne to be First Lieutenant, vice William Langton Shairp Atcherley, deceased.

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," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, 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, from time to time, by warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid; and it is provided that the power thereby given should extend to any increase or reduction or remission of postage.

And whereas by a warrant, dated the 1st day of September 1840, under the hands of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the said Commissioners, in exercise of the power for such purpose vested in them by the said Act, directed, amongst other things, that on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post passing between Germany (not via France), Denmark, Sweden, or other parts of the north of Europe, or any country through Belgium or Holland or Germany, and any of the countries or places mentioned in the third schedule thereto, through the United Kingdom, there should be charged and taken the rate of British postage set opposite the name of every such country or place in such schedule; and further, that on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, passing through the United Kingdom between Foreign countries, or between any Foreign country and Her Majesty's colonies, which should be forwarded to the United Kingdom by packet boat, and from the United Kingdom by private ship, or forwarded to the United Kingdom by private ship, and from the United Kingdom by packet boat, there should be charged and taken for the conveyance of every such letter by private ship, an uniform rate of eight pence; and for the conveyance thereof by packet boat, the rate payable on such letter under

the said Act; and further, that on every letter transmitted, as is mentioned in such warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there should 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 the said warrant, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight; and power was thereby reserved to the Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant under their hands, at any time thereafter to alter or repeal any of the rates thereby altered, or the regulations thereby 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 might be payable were to be paid.

And whereas, in consequence of a communication opened with the Post Office of Oldenburg, it is considered expedient to alter the rates of postage payable under the said Act, on letters conveyed by packet boat or private ship, between the United Kingdom and Oldenburg, either direct or via the territories of Hamburg, Hanover, and Bremen, or any of them; and also the rates payable under the said warrant on letters posted in or addressed to Oldenburg, conveyed by packet boat or private ship between the United Kingdom and Oldenburg direct, or via the territories of Hamburg, Hanover, and Bremen, or any of them, and passing through the United Kingdom to or from the British colonies or Foreign countries.

Now we, the undersigned, being three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said recited Act and warrant, direct, that, on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to the Duchy of Oldenburg, transmitted between any part of the United Kingdom and Oldenburg, conveyed between the United Kingdom and Oldenburg direct by packet boat or private ship, or via the territories of Hamburg, Hanover, and Bremen, or any of them (conveyed direct by packet boat or private ship between the United Kingdom and the territories of Hamburg, Hanover, and Bremen, or any of them), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of the rates of postage payable on such letters under the said Act, an uniform rate of British postage of six pence; and that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to the Duchy of Oldenburg, transmitted by the post between Oldenburg and any of the British colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (conveyed by packet boat or private ship between the United Kingdom and Oldenburg direct, or via the territories of Hamburg, Hanover, and Bremen, or any of them), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of the rates of postage payable on such letters under the said recited warrant, an uniform rate of British postage of six pence for the conveyance of every such letter between Oldenburg and any part of the United

Kingdom, and also such a further or additional rate of British postage for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, as shall, from time to time, be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and such colony, or foreign country.

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 nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any post letters passing between the United Kingdom and the Principality of Birkenfeld, or the possessions of the Duchy of Oldenburg, in Holstein.

And we further direct, that nothing herein contained 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 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 Act.

And we further direct, that this warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of January 1843.

Provided lastly, 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 altered, 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 2d day of December. 1842.

HENRY GOULBURN.
J. MILNES GASKELL.
ALEX. PRINGLE.