

Foreign Office, February 25, 1851.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint William Dougal Christie, Esq. now Her Majesty's Agent and Consul-General at Mosquito, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation to the Swiss Confederation.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint George Aikin, Esq. to be Her Majesty's Consul in the State of California.

St. James's-Palace.

The Duke of Cambridge has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel Lord William Paulet to be one of His Royal Highness' Equerries.

Crown-Office.

MEMBERS returned to serve in this present **PARLIAMENT.**

February 24, 1851.

*County of Stafford,
Northern Division.*

Smith Child, of Rownall-Hall, in the county of Stafford, Esq. in the room of George Granville Francis Egerton, commonly called Viscount Brackley, who has accepted the office of Steward of Her Majesty's Chiltern Hundreds.

February 25.

County of Bedford.

Richard Thomas Gilpin, of Hockliffe Grange, in the county of Bedford, Esq. in the room of John Hume Egerton, commonly called Viscount Alford, deceased.

Office of Ordnance, 24th February 1851.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Major-General Nathaniel Wilmot Oliver to be Colonel-Commandant, vice Major-General James Power, deceased. Dated 18th February 1851.

Brevet Major Charles Bertie Symons to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Nevett, deceased. Dated 22nd December 1850.

Second Captain Ashley Maude to be Captain, vice Symons. Dated 22nd December 1850.

First Lieutenant Walter Ferguson Lock to be Second Captain, vice Maude. Dated 22nd December 1850.

Second Lieutenant Richard Oldfield to be First Lieutenant, vice Lock. Dated 22nd December 1850.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Northumberland.

Sir. Edward Haggerston, Bart. to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 14th February 1851.

[This appointment is substituted for the one which appeared in the Gazette of 18th instant.]

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Nottingham.

Sherwood Rangers.

George Gordon, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Charles Thorold, Gent. promoted.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Southampton.

North Hants Militia.

Thomas Best, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated 13th February 1851.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," the Postmaster-General is authorized to charge on all letters conveyed by packet-boats between one part of Her Majesty's dominions and another part of the same dominions, and between Her Majesty's dominions and foreign parts where post communications shall be established, such rates of postage as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by warrant under their hands, shall from time to time direct.

Now we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the power and authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling us in this behalf, direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by British packet-boats between Sierra Leone and the Cape of Good Hope, the Cape de Verd Islands, Brazil, Buenos Ayres, Monte Video, Portugal, or Madeira, or between the Cape of Good Hope and the Cape de Verd Islands, Brazil, Buenos Ayres, Monte Video, Portugal, or Madeira, (without in any case passing through the United Kingdom,) there shall be charged and paid, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable thereon, a rate of postage of one shilling.

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 paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows (that is to say),

On every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every letter exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage; and every fraction of an ounce above the weight of four ounces shall be charged as one additional ounce, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause, shall be estimated and charged at the sum of one shilling.

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 any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post-office, or by any Treasury Warrant issued under any of such Acts, and that all such exemptions and privileges shall remain in full force.

And we further direct that the terms and expressions used in this Warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they

