

5. That the committee will not hold themselves responsible for any loss or damage that may be sustained by the anchors, nor be liable for any expense in bringing them to or taking them from Sheerness.

The trials will take place at Sheerness.

J. PARKER.

SCINDE PRIZE MONEY (2nd Distribution.)

*Royal Hospital, Chelsea,
3rd February 1852.*

NOTICE is hereby given, by order of the Lords and others, Commissioners for managing the affairs of this Hospital, that the unclaimed shares of a second distribution of Prize Money to Her Majesty's 22nd Regiment of Foot, for the captures of Meeanee and Hyderabad, in Lower Scinde, in 1843, under General Sir Charles James Napier, G.C.B. will be payable at my office, on and after the 16th instant, between the hours of eleven and two o'clock.

A. J. Moorhead, Secretary.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER.

Sittings after Hilary Term, 15th Victoria.

Monday the 9th day of February 1852.

This Court will hold a Sitting on Saturday the twenty-first day of February instant, and will, at such Sitting, give judgment in all matters then standing for judgment.

J. Parke.

E. M. Alderson.

T. J. Platt.

Saml. Martin.

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," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, or in respect of letters, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post:

And whereas by an Act, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post-office;" it is provided that all letters are to be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post, in conformity with, and under and subject to, all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct; and by the said Act, power is also given to the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to require the postage of any letters sent by the post to be prepaid either in money or in stamps, as he may think fit, on the same being put into the Post-office, and also, with such consent, to abolish or restrict the prepayment in money of postage on letters sent by the post, either altogether or on certain letters, and to require the prepayment thereof to be in stamps; and to refuse to receive or send by the post any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made. And it is also

declared and enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General and any officer of the Post-office to detain any letters which shall be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations of that Act or the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant to be issued under or by virtue of that Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the said first-mentioned Act, and to open such letters, and either to return them to the senders thereof, or to forward them to the places of their destination, charged, in either case, with such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall, from time to time, direct:

And whereas by two warrants, under the hands respectively of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and dated respectively the seventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and the twenty-second day of April one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, it was ordered and directed, that printed books, printed magazines, printed reviews, and printed pamphlets, might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several regulations and rates in the said warrants contained:

And whereas by another warrant, under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the second day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, it was ordered and directed that packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several regulations and rates therein contained:

And whereas it is expedient that the said warrants should be repealed, and that such other regulations should be made respecting the conveyance of certain packets sent by the post, as are hereinafter contained:

Now we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of all powers and authorities enabling us in this behalf, by this warrant under our hands, repeal and revoke the said warrants of the seventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, the twenty-second day of April one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and the second day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and every of them, and all the rates thereby fixed or altered, and the regulations therein contained.

And we the said Commissioners do, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, by this warrant under our hands, order and direct that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, may be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several regulations and rates hereinafter contained; that is to say:

On every such packet, if not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of sixpence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound, and not exceeding two pounds in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one shilling;

And for every additional one pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged and taken an additional rate of postage of sixpence, and every fraction of such additional pound shall be charged as an additional pound.

And we further order and direct, that no such packet which in length, or breadth, or width, or depth, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, or twenty-four inches, shall be forwarded by the post, under the provisions aforesaid.

And we further order and direct, that the postage of all such packets as aforesaid shall in every case be prepaid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet, near the address or direction, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon, under or by virtue of this warrant.

And we further order and direct, that the terms "books, publications, or works of literature or art" herein used, shall, for the purposes of this warrant, mean and include all books, whether printed, written, or plain, publications or compilations, whether in print or in manuscript, almanacks, prints, maps, whether on paper or canvass or cloth, and whether printed or written, and any description of paper, parchment, or vellum, whether printed, written upon, or plain, together with any binding, mounting, or covering of, or upon, or belonging to, any book, or publication, or work, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any paper, parchment, or vellum, and any cases or rollers of prints, or maps, book-markers, pencils, pens, or other articles usually appertaining to any such book, publication, or work, paper, parchment, or vellum, or necessary for its safe transmission; and that every such packet shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides; and that there shall be no letter, either closed or open, nor any enclosure, sealed, or otherwise closed against inspection, sent in or with any such packet.

And, in order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, we further direct, that it shall be lawful for any officer of the Post-office to delay the transmission of any packet forwarded by the post under the provisions of this warrant, for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be dispatched in due course of the post, or (at his option) until the dispatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

And we further direct, that the transmission of the packets aforesaid under this present warrant shall be restricted to such as shall be sent by the post between places within the United Kingdom, and by the post of any post town in the United Kingdom, and that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to interfere with, or in anywise to affect the transmission by the post of printed votes and proceedings of Parliament, nor of British newspapers or other British publications which are allowed to pass by the post between places within the United Kingdom under the newspaper privilege, nor shall this present warrant be construed to extend to any packet sent by the post between the United Kingdom and places beyond the seas.

And we further order and direct, that if any packet sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent, by the post, under the provisions of this present warrant, shall contain any letter either closed or open, or any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or if any such packet shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall, in length, or breadth, or width, or depth, exceed the dimensions of two feet or twenty-four in-

ches, or if the postage thereof shall not be duly and properly prepaid by stamps when posted, the same shall and may be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster-General shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination under and subject to the following regulations; (that is to say:) if such packet shall be posted without any postage stamp thereon, the same, on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been prepaid by stamps when posted, and such postage may be either prepaid by the sender or be charged to the person to whom such packet shall be forwarded; and if any such packet shall have thereon, or affixed thereto, any stamp or stamps, the value or amount of which shall be less than the rate of postage to which such packet, if it had been a letter, would be liable if prepaid by stamps when posted, there shall be charged thereon a postage of double the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps and the full postage to which such packet, if it had been a letter, would have been liable if prepaid by stamps when posted; and such additional postage may be prepaid by the sender, or shall be charged to the party to whom it is forwarded.

Provided always, that if any packet sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent, by the post, under the provisions of this warrant, shall contain any letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, the Postmaster-General may, at his option, dispose of any such packet in conformity with the directions lastly hereinbefore contained, or any such letter or enclosure may be taken out and forwarded to the address on the packet, charged with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, and the remainder of the packet, if duly prepaid by stamps, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

And we do hereby further order and direct, that the terms and expressions used in this warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

And we do further direct, that this warrant shall come into operation on the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

Provided lastly, and we do hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby fixed or 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 29th day of January 1852.

*H. Rich.
C. Wood.*

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," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, or in respect of letters, newspapers,