

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Hertford.*

*Hertfordshire Militia.*

George Thomas Gape, Gent., to be Ensign.  
Dated 27th December, 1854.  
Edward Vernon White, Gent., to be Ensign.  
Dated 27th December, 1854.  
Henry Harrison Bartlett, Gent., to be Ensign.  
Dated 27th December, 1854.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lanark.*

*1st Royal Lanarkshire Militia.*

Edward Thomas Dundas, Esq., to be Captain,  
vice W. C. J. Anstruther, resigned. Dated  
11th December, 1854.

*2nd Royal Lanarkshire Militia.*

Adam Eddington, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated  
16th December, 1854.

[The following Article is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 5th of December instant.]

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

*Royal Wilts Militia.*

Arthur Pearse, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated  
14th November, 1854.

**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," 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 or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury 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."

And whereas, in consequence of an additional treaty lately entered into between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, it is expedient to alter the rates of postage on the letters hereinafter mentioned; Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant (under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, by the authority of the Statute in that case made and provided), order and direct that, on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to France or Algeria, or posted in France or Algeria, addressed to the United Kingdom and transmitted by the post direct, between any place in the United Kingdom and any place in France or Algeria, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters an uniform total rate of postage of four pence.

And that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any foreign country on the continent of Europe (Spain, Portugal, and

France excepted), or to any of the islands in the Grecian Archipelago, or to Alexandria, Beyrout, Smyrna, or the Dardanelles, or posted in any such foreign countries (except as aforesaid), islands, ports, or places addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any such foreign countries (except as aforesaid), islands, ports, or places, viâ France, otherwise than in closed mails (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by French packet boats), there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters, an uniform British rate of postage of two pence.

And that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in, or addressed to Algeria, France, or any other foreign countries on the continent of Europe (Spain and Portugal included), or to any of the islands in the Grecian Archipelago, or to Alexandria, Beyrout, Smyrna, or the Dardanelles, and transmitted by the post between Algeria, France, or any such other foreign countries, islands, ports or places, and Her Majesty's colonies of Jamaica, Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, viâ France and the United Kingdom (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean, being by French packet boats), there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters, an uniform British rate of one shilling.

And that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to Algeria, France, or any other foreign countries on the continent of Europe (Spain and Portugal included), or to any of the islands in the Grecian Archipelago, or to Alexandria, Beyrout, Smyrna, or the Dardanelles, and transmitted by the post between France, or any such other foreign countries, islands, ports or places, and any port in Her Majesty's colonies (Jamaica, Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland excepted), viâ France and the United Kingdom (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by French packet boats), there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters, an uniform British rate of ten pence.

And we direct that on every letter transmitted as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows (that is to say):

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

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

On every letter exceeding three-quarters of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every quarter of an ounce in weight, above the weight of one ounce, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and every fraction of a quarter of an ounce shall be charged as an additional quarter of an ounce, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding one-quarter of an ounce in weight.

And we do further order and direct, that as to any letter hereinbefore authorised to be sent by the post under the provisions aforesaid, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to France or Algeria, the postage thereof shall in every case be paid either in money or by being duly stamped with the proper British postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such letter near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereupon under or by virtue of this Warrant; and as to every such letter posted in France or Algeria, addressed to the United Kingdom, it is the intention that the postage thereof shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted.

And we do further order and direct, that if the postage of any such letter posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to France or Algeria, shall not be duly and properly paid, either in money or by British stamps, when posted; or, if the postage of any such letter posted in France or Algeria, addressed to the United Kingdom, shall not be duly and properly paid when posted, every such letter shall be charged with a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable under the provisions aforesaid, if the postage thereof had been paid in money or stamps when posted.

And we do further order and direct that nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, nor to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service, and seamen and soldiers employed in the service of the East India Company, now by law enjoy of sending and receiving by the post letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same, nor to annul, prejudice, or affect the privilege under which printed newspapers, printed prices current, printed commercial lists, printed courses of exchange, periodical publications, and parliamentary proceedings, may now be forwarded by the post between the United Kingdom or Her Majesty's colonies and France or Algeria, or between the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's colonies or foreign countries through France, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same, nor to repeal, alter, or affect the provisions of a certain Warrant under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 17th day of May, 1854, as to certain letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea.

And we do further order and direct that the term "by the post" whenever used in this Warrant, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by packet-boat, British or French, or by private ship, unless it be inconsistent with the context of the clause or provision in which such term shall be found; and that the several other 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 order and direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January next.

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 two of them, by Warrant, under their hands at any time hereafter to alter any of the regulations hereby made and to make and establish any new or other regulations in lieu thereof.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-seventh day of December, 1854.

*Elcho.*  
*Alfred Hervey.*

#### NOTICE.

*County Courts' Registry, No. 2, New Street, Spring Gardens.*

#### REDUCTION OF FEES.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to order that the following reduced fees should be taken for Searches, &c., namely:

#### *Table of Fees.*

	<i>s. d.</i>
For every search for a judgment or petition for protection made at the Registry	0 6
For forty searches, to be made within two months ( <i>to be paid in advance</i> )	10 0
For every certificate of search, obtained either through the Clerk of the Court or by a letter to the Registrar	2 0
For having the record of any judgment removed from the register ( <i>to be paid to the Clerk of the Court</i> )	1 6

The registry of county courts' judgments was established to afford to traders a ready means of ascertaining the solvency of parties, and to enable executors and administrators to discover what judgment debts they are bound to satisfy.

In the registry can be found the name, address, and occupation of every party against whom a judgment has been recorded since March, 1847, in any of the county courts throughout England and Wales, for £10 and upwards, and which remains unsatisfied at the time the search is made.

#### INSOLVENCY.

Also the name, last address, and occupation of every party who has applied for protection from his creditors to any of the county courts since June, 1854.

*Masters' Office, Southampton-Buildings, Monday the 11th day of December, 1854.*

In the Matter of the Joint Stock Companies' Winding-up Acts, 1848 and 1849, and of the London and Birmingham Extension and Northampton, Daventry, Leamington, and Warwick Railway Company.

**I** JOHN ELIJAH BLUNT, Esq., the Master of the High Court of Chancery charged with the winding up of this Company, do peremptorily order that a call of one pound per share (being fifteen shillings and eight pence per share for debts, and four shillings and four pence per share for costs) be made on the contributories of this Company included in class one, as settled by me; and I do peremptorily order each of the said contributories, on the 11th day of January, 1855, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of Henry Croysdill, the Official Manager of this Company, situate No. 84, Basinghall-street, in the city of London, to pay to the said Official Manager of this Company the balance, if any, which will be due from him after debiting his account in the Company's books with such call.

*J. E. Blunt.*