

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

6th Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia.

Lieutenant-Colonel Mathias, late 62nd Foot, to be Major. Dated 18th January, 1855.

John Hickinbotham Chambers, Esq., late 46th Foot, to be Captain. Dated 19th January, 1855.

Henry Gore Booth, Esq., late Scots Fusiliers, to be Captain. Dated 20th January, 1855.

Francis John Tyssen Amiel, late 73rd Foot, to be Captain. Dated 22nd January, 1855.

John Copley Wray, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 23rd January, 1855.

Arthur James Netterville, Esq., late 12th Foot, to be Captain. Dated 24th January, 1855.

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

2nd or Edmonton Royal Rifle Regiment of Middlesex Militia.

Henry Musgrave Fuller, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 20th January, 1855.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Northampton.

Northamptonshire Militia.

Tamworth Ferrars, Esq., to be Lieutenant. Dated 30th December, 1854.

Spencer Ley Greaves, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice William Kerr, resigned. Dated 17th January, 1855.

Joseph Gabbett, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Spencer Ley Greaves, promoted. Dated 18th January, 1855.

William Montagu Leeds, Esq., to be Lieutenant. Dated 19th January, 1855.

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

Queen's Own Royal Regiment of Staffordshire Yeomanry Cavalry.

Serjeant-Major George Henry Davis to serve as Adjutant, with the rank of Cornet. Dated 23rd December, 1854.

Commission signed by the Governor and Captain of the Isle of Wight.

Isle of Wight Militia Artillery Corps.

Percival Frederick Spear, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 20th January, 1855.

[This Article is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of Friday the 5th instant.]

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

1st Regiment of King's Own Staffordshire Militia.

George William Henry Holyoake, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 23rd December, 1854.

[The following appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of 9th January, 1855.]

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

Inverness, Banff, Elgin, and Nairn 76th Regiment of Militia.

William James Whyte, M. D., to be Lieutenant. Dated 2nd January, 1855.

[The following Article is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 19th January, 1855.]

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Edinburgh.

Edinburgh or Mid-Lothian Regiment of Militia.

George Mitchell Innes, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Hardyman, resigned. Dated 9th January, 1855.

Ensign Francis Kennedy to be Lieutenant, vice Wright, resigned. Dated 9th January, 1855.

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 by the same Act powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of postage therein mentioned.

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 by a Warrant, under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 29th day of January, 1852, 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 Warrant 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.

1. 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 the said Warrant of the 29th day of January, 1852, and the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage therein mentioned and set forth, shall cease and determine, and shall be, and the same are, hereby repealed and revoked. Nevertheless, no Treasury Warrant repealed by the said Warrant of the 29th day of January, 1852, shall be revived by this Warrant.

2. And we do further order and direct, that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, posted in the United Kingdom, 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 six pence.

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 six pence, and every fraction of such additional pound shall be charged as an additional pound.

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

4. And we further order and direct, that the postage of all such packets as aforesaid, shall in every case be paid 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, unless any such packet be sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post Office in London, in which case the same shall be forwarded post paid, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such postage account.

5. 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 canvas 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 open at the ends or sides, and either 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, nor shall there be any letter or any communication in the nature of a letter, written or printed on the cover or envelope of any such packet.

6. 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, posted or 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.

7. 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.

8. And we further order and direct, that if any packet, or the cover or envelope of any packet, sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this present Warrant shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall in length or breadth or width exceed the dimensions of two feet, or if there shall be any letter, or any communication in the nature of a letter, written or printed on any such cover or envelope, every such packet 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; and every such packet, 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 paid by stamps when posted, and such double postage may be either paid by the sender or be charged to the person to whom such packet shall be forwarded.

9. And we do 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 Warrant, shall contain any letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, every such letter or enclosure may be taken out by any officer of the Post-office, and forwarded to the address on the packet, charged not only with the full rates of postage, as an unpaid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of six pence; and the remainder of the packet, if duly prepaid by stamps, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

10. And we do 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 Warrant (any such packet sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service, of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, and the postage thereof being charged in such account, only excepted), shall be posted, having thereon or affixed thereto a stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinbefore contained, but equal in amount to the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under this Warrant if such packet did not exceed one pound in weight, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps so being thereon, or affixed thereto, and the postage to which such packet would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of six pence: but if any such packet shall be posted without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, or having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps the value of which shall be less in amount than the single rate of postage chargeable under this Warrant, every such last-mentioned packet

shall, and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, and at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be dealt with and chargeable in like manner, as is hereinbefore directed, with respect to any packet not open at the ends or sides, or exceeding in length, or breadth, or width, the dimensions of two feet.

11. 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.

12. And we do further direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of March next.

13. 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 twenty-third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Alfred Hervey.
W. E. Gladstone.

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 the said Act, powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, and at any time thereafter 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 of 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 the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage is extended to any increase or reduction, or remission of postage.

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," the provision fixing the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, in the first-mentioned Act, is repealed; and in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times thereafter, by Warrant under their

hands, to fix the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight, wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum of weight in lieu thereof; and it is provided, that all letters shall be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post in conformity with any such Warrant, and also in conformity with and under and subject to all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or otherwise, 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 to collect and receive the foreign and colonial postage charged or chargeable on any letters sent by the post, and also with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to require the postage, British, colonial, or foreign, 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 also 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 in all cases in which the British postage, chargeable on any letters sent by the post, shall exceed the sum of one penny, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, reduce such postage to any other rate of postage, they may from time to time think fit. And also that the Postmaster-General may, if he shall think fit (with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury), allow any printed words, writing, or marks (in addition to the direction), to be put on any printed newspapers or other printed papers sent by the post, or on the covers thereof, and that any such newspapers, or other printed papers shall from thenceforth be forwarded either free of postage or subject to 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 it is also declared and enacted that the Postmaster-General and any officer of the Post-office may 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 any regulations made under the authority of that Act, or of 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 first-mentioned Act, and open such letters, and either return them to the senders thereof or 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 the Postmaster-General hath, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have, at various times, since the passing of the said two before-mentioned Acts, and in pursuance and in exercise of the powers reserved to them thereby, by divers Warrants under their hands, made and given certain orders, directions, and regulations, relating to the weight, size, and dimensions, and to the rates of postage in conformity with, and under and subject