

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

Royal Monmouthshire Light Infantry.

Samuel George Homfray, Esq., to be Captain, vice Partridge, resigned.

Houghton Forrest, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Homfray, promoted.

George Arthur Lloyd, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Forrest, promoted.

MEMORANDUM.

The Commission of William Grey Pitt, late of the 11th Dragoons, to an Ensigncy in the Royal Monmouthshire Militia, has been cancelled.

[This Article is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of 23rd March, 1855.]

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

Dorset Regiment of Militia.

Randal Foot, Esq., late 14th Regiment, to be Captain, vice Sands, retired. Dated 19th March, 1855.

Whitehall, March 27, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Sir De Lacy Evans, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General of Her Majesty's Forces, Colonel of the 21st (Royal North British Fusiliers) Regiment of Foot, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal and Distinguished Order of Charles the Third, and of the National and Military Order of San Fernando of Spain, Her royal licence and permission that he may accept and wear the Imperial Order of the Medjidie of the First Class, which the Sultan hath been pleased to confer upon him, as a mark of His Imperial Majesty's approbation of the courage displayed by that Officer upon the field of battle, and of the eminent military services which he has rendered to the Ottoman Empire; and that he may enjoy all the rights and privileges hereunto annexed.

And also to command that Her Majesty's said concession and especial mark of Her royal favour be registered, together with the relative documents, in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

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 Postmaster-General to remit any of the rates of British postage for the time being, payable by law on the transmission of post letters, newspapers, or other printed papers, to such extent as the Lords of the Treasury shall from time to time direct; and power is also 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 or newspapers, or 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 whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the letters hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said Act,

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 or addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, and sent from or to any commissioned Officer employed in Her Majesty's regular Forces, Artillery, or Royal Marines, in the Baltic Sea, or the adjacent waters, or sent from or to any commissioned or warrant officer, midshipman, or master's mate employed in Her Majesty's Navy, or any of Her Majesty's ships in the Baltic Sea, or the adjacent waters, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any port or place in the Baltic or the adjacent waters, either by packet-boat, or via Belgium and Prussia, or by any other route, there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters a uniform rate of three pence (which shall include any foreign postage that may be payable thereon).

And we further order and direct, that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, and sent from or to any non-commissioned officer, serjeant, corporal, drummer, trumpeter, fifer, or private soldier, employed in Her Majesty's regular Forces, Artillery, or Royal Marines, in the Baltic Sea, or the adjacent waters, or sent from or to any seaman employed in Her Majesty's Navy, or any of Her Majesty's ships in the Baltic Sea, or the adjacent waters, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom, and any port or place in the Baltic Sea, or the adjacent waters, via Belgium and Prussia, there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, a combined British and foreign rate of three 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 above the weight of one 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 the provisions hereinbefore contained, if not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight.

And we further direct, that in respect of letters sent by any non-commissioned officers, serjeants, corporals, drummers, fifers, private soldiers, or seamen, under the regulations of this Warrant, the following conditions shall be observed; that is to say: upon each such letter shall be superscribed the name of the writer, and his class or description

in the regiment, detachment, or vessel, to which he shall belong; and upon every such letter there shall be written in the handwriting of, and signed by, the officer having at the time the command of the regiment, detachment, or vessel, to which the privileged person belongs, the name of such officer and the name of such regiment, detachment, or vessel.

And we further direct, that in respect to letters, received by the post under this Warrant, by any commissioned or warrant officers, midshipmen, or master's mates, or any non-commissioned officers, private soldiers, or seamen, the following conditions shall be observed; that is to say: the postage of each such letter posted in the United Kingdom shall be prepaid, either in money or by the proper stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, at the time of the same being posted; and as to letters received by any non-commissioned officers, private soldiers, or seamen, each letter shall be directed to the privileged person, specifying on the superscription thereof, the regiment, detachment, or vessel to which he shall belong.

And we further direct, that if the postage of any such letter posted in the United Kingdom shall not be prepaid either in money or by stamps, when posted, the same shall not be forwarded by the post; and that if in any case any other of the conditions hereinbefore prescribed be not complied with, the letter shall be charged with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct, that the several 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 recited Act.

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 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 twenty-ninth day of March, 1855.

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Provisional Orders.

Storrington and Ball's Hut Road.

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Storrington and Ball's Hut Turnpike Road, acting under the powers of the Local Act of the 3rd of William the Fourth, cap. 81, have made application to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Act of the session holden in the 14th and 15th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, cap. 38, for a Provisional Order, to reduce the rate of interest on the mortgage debts charged or secured on the tolls or revenues of the said road, and to extinguish the whole of the arrears of interest due upon the said debts;

And whereas the said application is dated the sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and is signed by five of the said trustees, who therein certify that the persons entitled to two-thirds of the money charged or secured on the tolls of the said road, and remaining unpaid, have signified their consents in writing under their hands to the said application;

And whereas it appears desirable to Her

Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department that the aforesaid application should be granted upon the terms herein set forth;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the power and authority of the said Act of the 14th and 15th of Victoria, cap. 38, given to me as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and in conformity with the said application, I do by this Provisional Order under my hand declare,—subject to the confirmation hereof by Parliament,—that from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, the rate of interest shall be reduced from five pounds to two pounds ten shillings per centum, per annum, upon the preference bonded, or mortgage debt of nine hundred and fifty pounds; and from five pounds to ten shillings per centum, per annum, from the time when the whole of the said preference debt shall have been paid off, and until such time to one penny per centum, per annum, upon the remaining bonded or mortgage debt of four thousand five hundred and fifty pounds, charged or secured upon the tolls or revenues of the said road; also, that the whole of the arrears of interest due and remaining unpaid upon the said debts on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, shall be extinguished.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

(Signed) *G. Grey.*

Whitehall, March 16, 1855.

Minchinhampton, Tetbury, and Bisley Road.

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Minchinhampton, Tetbury, and Bisley Turnpike Road, acting under the powers of the Local Act of the 3rd of George the Fourth, cap. 63, have made application to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Act of the session holden in the 14th and 15th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, cap. 38, for a Provisional Order, to reduce the rate of interest on the mortgage debt, charged or secured on the tolls or revenues of the said road, and to extinguish the whole of the arrears of interest due upon the said debt;

And whereas the said application is dated the sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and is signed by three of the said trustees, who therein certify that the persons entitled to two-thirds of the money charged or secured on the tolls of the said road, and remaining unpaid, have signified their consents in writing under their hands to the said application;

And whereas it appears desirable to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, that the aforesaid application should be granted upon the terms herein set forth;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the power and authority of the said Act of the 14th and 15th of Victoria, cap. 38, given to me as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and in conformity with the said application, I do by this Provisional Order under my hand declare,—subject to the confirmation hereof by Parliament,—that, from the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, the rate of interest shall be reduced from five pounds to two pounds per centum, per annum, upon the bonded or mortgage debt of three thousand seven hundred and fifty-four pounds seventeen shillings, charged or secured upon the tolls or revenues of the said road; and that the whole of the arrears of interest due and remaining unpaid upon the said debt, at that date, shall be extinguished.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

(Signed) *G. Grey.*

Whitehall, March 24, 1855.