

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

West Essex Militia.

Captain Champion Russell to be Major, vice Elwes, resigned. Dated 17th May, 1855.
Lieutenant Edward Brett to be Captain, vice Russell, promoted. Dated 17th May, 1855.
Ensign Arthur Henry McKenna to be Lieutenant, vice Brett, promoted. Dated 18th May, 1855.

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

Renfrewshire Regiment of Militia.

Assistant-Surgeon John Bell, Doctor of Medicine, to be Surgeon, vice Thomas Smith Maccall, M.D., resigned. Dated 14th May, 1855.

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

Royal Monmouthshire Militia.

Tom Brook, Esq., to be Captain, vice Lewis, resigned.

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

1st Durham Regiment of Militia.

Compton Legge, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 10th May, 1855.
Henry Edward Harrison, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 10th May, 1855.

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

Royal Berks Militia.

Robert Tebbott, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Morris, promoted to a Commission in the Line. Dated 17th May, 1855.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of the County of York, and of the City and County of the City of York.

West York Rifle Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant Edward Muscroft to be Captain, vice Maude, who retires. Dated 5th May, 1855.
Ensign Edward Mason to be Lieutenant, vice Muscroft, promoted. Dated 5th May, 1855.
George William Adair, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 9th May, 1855.
John Lambert Reid, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Hill, retired. Dated 16th May, 1855.

3rd Regiment (Light Infantry) of West York Militia.

Edward Landen, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 5th May, 1855.
John George Smyth Willcocks, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 5th May, 1855.

5th Regiment of West York Militia.

William Lynam, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 16th May, 1855.

[The following appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 8th May instant.]

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of the County of York, and of the City and County of the City of York.

2nd Regiment (Light Infantry) of West York Militia.

Henry Charles Chawner, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 1st May, 1855.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 27th April last.]

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Durham.

1st Durham Regiment of Militia.

Surtees Smith, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Crawshay, resigned. Dated 20th April, 1855.

Surrey.

1st Regiment of the Royal Surrey Militia.

Lieutenant Rasch, retired. Date of retirement, 14th May, 1855.

Whitehall, May 22, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto George-Townsend Smith, Clerk, Vicar of Uffculme, in the county of Devon, and unto Margaret-Frances, his wife, only surviving daughter of Henry Marker, Clerk, sometime of Exmouth, and afterwards Vicar of Aylesbeare, both in the said county of Devon, deceased, Her Majesty's royal licence and authority that they and their issue may take and use the surname of Marker, in lieu of that of Smith, and that he and their issue may also bear the arms of Marker, in compliance with a desire expressed in the last will and testament of Richard-John Marker, of Uffculme aforesaid, Esquire, lately deceased, uncle of the said Margaret-Frances Smith, and in order to testify their grateful and affectionate respect for the memory of the testator; such arms being first duly exemplified, according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Herald's Office, otherwise the said licence and permission to be void and of none effect.

And also to command, that the said royal concession and declaration be registered 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 White 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 White Sea, or the adjacent waters, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any port or place in the White Sea, or the adjacent waters, either by packet-boat or private ship, or *viâ* Christiania (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and Christiania being direct by packet-boat or private ship), 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 White 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 White Sea, or the adjacent waters, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom, and any port or place in the White Sea, or the adjacent waters, *viâ* Christiania (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and Christiania being direct by packet-boat or private ship), 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 nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by or under the said recited Act; and that all such exemptions and privileges shall remain in full force.

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 nineteenth day of May, 1855.

*Duncan.
Monck.*

Exchequer Bills.

*Office of Her Majesty's Paymaster-General,
Whitehall, May 21, 1855.*

The Exchequer Bills, dated in the months of April, May, and June, 1854 (per Act 17 Victoria, cap. 3 and 12, anno 1854), with the interest due thereon, will be paid off on the 11th June, 1855, when the interest will cease. Such bills will be received at this Office daily, from half past ten till three o'clock, until the 2nd day of June, 1855, inclusive.

Printed forms, containing instructions for the preparation of the lists, and the arrangement of the bills, may be obtained on application at this Office.

The bearers must endorse each bill with their usual signatures, and they must insert their names and addresses in each list; and where the names of holders are inserted in the bills, the indorse