

The undermentioned promotions to take place consequent upon the death of the following Officers :

General Sir John Wilson, K.C.B., died 22nd June, 1856 ;

General the Earl of Cork, K.P., died 29th June, 1856 ;

Lieutenant-General Philip Hay, died 8th August, 1856 ;

Colonel W. S. Balfour, Unattached, to be Major-General. Dated 22nd August, 1856.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hervey Hopwood, Grenadier Guards, to be Colonel. Dated 22nd August, 1856.

Major Henry Garner Rainey, 61st Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 22nd August, 1856.

Captain Sydney Augustus Capel, half-pay 51st Foot, Staff-Officer of Pensioners, to be Major. Dated 22nd August, 1856.

General Sir George Brown, G.C.B., the Senior Supernumerary of his rank promoted for distinguished service, has been placed upon the fixed establishment of Generals, in succession to the vacancy occasioned by the decease of the following Officers ;

General Sir G. P. Adams, died 10th June, 1856 ;

General R. Ellice, died 18th June, 1856 ;

General Sir J. Wilson, K.C.B., died 22nd June, 1856.

#### MEMORANDUM.

ERRATUM in the Gazette of May 11, 1855.

For Colonel George Bell, from the 1st Foot, to be Inspecting Field Officer of a Recruiting District, vice Col. Michel, C.B., appointed to the *Turkish Contingent Force*. Dated 1st May, 1855,

Read, vice Michel, who retires on half-pay of the 98th Foot.

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

*Shropshire Regiment of Militia.*

Ensign Thomas Meyrick Charlton to be Lieutenant, vice Stubbs, appointed to an Ensigny in the Line. Dated 19th August, 1856.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Edinburgh or Mid-Lothian.*

*Edinburgh or Mid-Lothian Yeomanry Cavalry.*

Cornet William Maximilian George Welwood Maconochie to be Lieutenant, vice Drummond, resigned. Dated 8th August, 1856.

John Alexander Burn Callender, Gent., to be Cornet, vice Maconochie, promoted. Dated 8th August, 1856.

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

*Forfar and Kincardine Regiment of Militia Artillery.*

Second Lieutenant John Gray to be First Lieutenant, vice Brown, appointed to the 35th Regiment of the Line. Dated 8th August, 1856.

#### 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 were 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 postage therein mentioned.

And whereas, further powers were 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 certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 4th day of June, 1855, 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 rates of postage and regulations therein contained.

And whereas it is expedient that the said Warrant should be repealed, and that such other rates of postage should be charged, and such other regulations made with respect to 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 authority of the Statute in that case made and provided), order and direct that the said Warrant, dated the 4th day of June, 1855, and the several rates of postage, and the several orders, directions, and regulations therein mentioned and set forth relating to the transmission by the post of packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art within the United Kingdom 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 4th day of June, 1855, 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 rates and regulations hereinafter contained ; that is to say :

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one penny.

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of two pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of four pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and one half of another 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 one half of another pound, and not exceeding two pounds in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of eight pence.

And for every additional half of a 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 two pence.

And every fractional part of every such additional half of a pound in weight shall be charged as one half of a pound in weight.

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

4. And we do 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 on such postage account.

5. And we do further order and direct, that for the purposes of this Warrant, the terms "books," "publications, or works of literature or art" shall mean, comprise, 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), printed or lithographed letters, and any description of paper, parchment, or vellum (whether printed, lithographed, written upon, or plain, or any mixture of the four), 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 (whether of paper or otherwise), pencils, pens, or other articles usually appertaining to any such book, publication, or work, paper, parchment, or vellum, or necessary for its safe transmission, except where any such packet shall be transmitted by the post upon or in respect of which a less rate of postage than a minimum rate of four pence shall be paid, and in all cases where any such packets shall be transmitted by the post upon or in respect of which a less rate of postage than a minimum rate of four pence shall be paid, every such packet shall consist of and comprise all such before-mentioned books, publications or compilations, almanacks, prints, maps, letters, paper, parchment, or vellum only as shall be printed or lithographed, or contain printed or lithographed matter only (whether bound or unbound), and shall not comprise, extend to, or include any packet consisting of or containing any

rollers of prints, or maps, or book markers, pencils, pens, or other articles.

6. And we do further order and direct, 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 written letter, either closed or open, nor any written communication in the nature of a letter, nor any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet; nor shall there be any written letter, or any written communication in the nature of a letter, in or upon any such packet, or on the cover or envelope thereof; nor (unless a minimum rate of postage of four pence shall be paid upon or in respect of such packet) any writing whatever in or upon any such packet, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, except the address.

7. And, in order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, We do further order and 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.

8. And we do further order and 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 any wise to affect, any privileges relating to the transmission by the post of printed votes and proceedings of Parliament sent by the post under the regulations prescribed by the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, or of printed newspapers sent by the post under and pursuant to certain orders and regulations made by the Postmaster-General for the transmission by the post of printed newspapers and certain periodical publications, and dated the 24th day of December, 1855. Nevertheless, any printed votes and proceedings of Parliament, or printed newspapers, which are not authorized to be transmitted by the post under the said respective regulations, may be transmitted by the post, at the rates of postage and under the regulations contained in this Warrant, 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.

9. And we do 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 width or depth exceed the dimensions of two feet, or if there shall be any written letter, or any written communication in the nature of a letter, in or upon any such packet, or on the cover or envelope thereof, 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.

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, shall contain any writing whatever (such writing not being a letter or any communication in the nature of a letter), either enclosed in or written upon any such packet, or upon the cover or envelope thereof (except the address), and a rate of postage less than a minimum rate of four pence shall have been paid upon or in respect of such packet, every such packet shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage paid thereon and the postage to which such packet would be liable as a book packet, under this Warrant, together with a further and additional rate of four pence.

11. 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 written letter or any written communication in the nature of a letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other enclosure not authorised by this Warrant, every such letter or communication, 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 four 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.

12. 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's, 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 one penny at the least, 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 four pence. And if any such packet shall be posted without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, 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 hereinbefore directed, with respect to any packet not open at the ends or sides, or exceeding in length, or width, or depth, the dimensions of two feet.

13. And we do hereby further order and direct, that in every case in which the postage chargeable on any packet under the provisions of this Warrant shall exceed the rates of postage to which any such packet would be liable as a letter, no higher amount than the letter rates shall be charged thereon.

14. And we do hereby further order and direct, that the several packets transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be subject to the several orders, directions, regulations and rates of postage, respectively, contained in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 19th day of February, 1855, relating to redirected rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post, so far as the same are applicable to such packets.

15. And we do 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.

16. And we do further order and direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of September, 1856.

17. And we do further order and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant duly made at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or any of the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates of postage or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates of postage that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury-chambers, the 14th day of August, 1856.

*Duncan.*  
*H. Brand.*

#### TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS an Act of Parliament was passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage."

And whereas another Act of Parliament was 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said two before-mentioned Acts, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did, by a certain Warrant in writing, under the hands of two of them the said Commissioners, and by the authority of the statute in that case made and provided, bearing date the 22nd day of February, 1855, order and direct that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures might be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the several places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule B to the said now reciting Warrant annexed, and that all such respective packets should be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions therein-after mentioned and contained, and that the single rate of postage for the transmission thereof should be that which was mentioned and set forth against the said places respectively in the said Schedule B, and that all such respective packets so trans-