

An Act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and for the better payment of the Army and their quarters.

An Act for the regulations of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on shore.

An Act for enabling the Great Western, Bristol and Exeter, and South Devon Railway Companies to afford further assistance towards the completion of the Cornwall Railway between Plymouth and Truro, for extending the time for the completion thereof, and for other purposes.

An Act to re-incorporate Price's Patent Candle Company, Limited, and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Whitehaven, Cleator, and Egremont Railway Company to raise additional capital, and for other purposes.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
March 21, 1856.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, transmitting copies of two French Imperial Decrees, the first admitting oil of ground nuts free of duty into French ports as a natural production of Algeria, and the second fixing the following import duties upon the under-mentioned articles:

		100 kilos.	
Ginger.	Same duties as medicinal roots	f. c.	
	not specified		
Madder	} Roots, dry	} in French ships	8 0
			} in foreign ships
	Ground or cut		20 0
Palm, Cocoa Nut, Illepe and Touloucouna			
Oils, if imported in French ships from foreign settlements in the East Indies			2 50

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
March 24, 1857.*

THE Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations hereby give notice that, by virtue of a Treaty concluded on the 14th instant, between Great Britain, Austria, Belgium, France, Hanover, Mecklenburgh Schwerin, Oldenburgh, the Netherlands, Prussia, Russia, Sweden and Norway, and the Hanse Towns, on the one part, and Denmark on the other part, Denmark has engaged to open the Sound and to discontinue the levying of the Sound Dues, from and after the 1st of April next.

Until, however, certain engagements of the Treaty towards Denmark shall have been fulfilled by the Contracting Parties, it has been agreed that the Danish Government shall have the right to maintain a provisional state of things in the Sound, by taking from vessels passing through, security for the payment of the dues intended to be abolished, such security to be cancelled and discharged as soon as the country, by whose vessels it has been given, shall have fulfilled the said engagements.

The owners and masters of British vessels are therefore apprised that although actual payment of the sound dues will not be required, yet until further notice it will be necessary for them to give security for the amount of such dues. This may be done by the master sending his papers either on shore or to the guard ship, accompanied by a signed declaration, undertaking in case of the nonfulfilment of the engagements aforesaid, to pay the amount of dues with which, according to his papers, he may be chargeable for the vessel and cargo.

The particular attention of masters and owners is requested to this notice, in order that they may not incur inconvenience or loss by neglecting the required formalities.

Notice is also hereby given, that from and after the 1st of April, the Danish transit duties on all the roads and canals which connect the North Sea and the Elbe with the Baltic will be reduced to the uniform rate of 16 skillings, Danish currency, per 500 lbs. Danish, the exemptions which now exist on some of those roads or canals, in favour of certain enumerated articles of home or foreign production, being extended to all of them.

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

Rifle Regiment of King's Own Staffordshire Militia.

Walter Mainwaring Coyney, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Banks Wright, appointed to 13th Light Dragoons. Dated 11th March, 1857.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of Yorkshire.

North York Rifle Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant John Sherlock to be Captain, vice Lawson, resigned. Dated 13th March, 1857.

[This Article is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 17th March.]

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

West Kent Light Infantry Regiment of Militia.

William Waring Gwillim, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Townsend, appointed to the Royal Regiment. Dated 25th February, 1857.

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, 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 from time to time by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and to make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof.

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 half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and the colony of Ascension (direct or through any other colony, or through any foreign country), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by

law on such letters, an uniform British rate of sixpence.

And we direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the said colony of Ascension and any other of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (whether through any colony or foreign country, or not), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, the rates of British postage following (that is to say):

For the conveyance of every such letter between Ascension and any part of the United Kingdom, a rate of sixpence; and for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such colony or foreign country.

And we direct, that on every letter transmitted as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say:

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

On every such letter, exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every such letter, exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such letter, exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight, above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage, and every fraction of an ounce, above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as one additional 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 half an ounce in weight.

And we direct, that in all cases in which any letter in respect of which any rate of postage is chargeable by this Warrant shall pass through a foreign country, any foreign postage payable thereon shall be charged and paid thereon in addition to the British postage.

And we further direct, that nothing in this Warrant contained shall in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege granted by the said recited Act in favour of petitions and addresses forwarded to Her Majesty by the post; nor the privilege granted by the same Act to Members of each House of Parliament to receive by the post petitions and addresses to Her Majesty, and petitions addressed to either House of Parliament, not exceeding thirty-two ounces in weight, exempt from postage; nor shall anything in this Warrant contained in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege 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.

And we further direct that nothing in this Warrant contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters or packets posted in or addressed to France, or any foreign country through France, and transmitted between France or foreign countries through France and Ascension, all which last-mentioned letters and packets shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters, the sea conveyance of which shall be by a packet-boat belonging to, or employed by or under, the Government or Post-office of the United States of America, or the sea conveyance of which in the Mediterranean shall be by a French packet-boat; all which letters shall be charged and chargeable as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct that the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British or colonial or foreign packet-boat (packet-boats belonging to or employed by or under the Government or Post-office of the United States of America and French Mediterranean packet-boats excepted), and the said term shall also include the sea conveyance by any private ship.

And we further direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April 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, by Warrant duly made 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-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

*Duncan.
Monck.*

INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the division of Marlborough, in the county of Wilts, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to Her Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a Meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Townhall, Marlborough, on Saturday the 4th April next, at twelve o'clock at noon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax Act for the division of Marlborough aforesaid.

Given under our hands, at the Inland Revenue Office, London, this 21st day of March, 1857.

*Chas. Pressly.
Henry Roberts.*