

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

Cambridgeshire Militia.

Lieutenant William James Harrison to be Captain, vice Cotton, resigned. Dated 2nd April, 1857.
Ensign Edward Muriel Martin to be Lieutenant. Dated 2nd April, 1857.

Commission signed by Her Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy for the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

Galloway Rifles Militia.

Doctor William Ramsay Potts to be Surgeon, vice Grant, resigned. Dated 3rd April, 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," 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 14th day of August, 1856, 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And whereas, it is expedient that the said Warrant should be repealed, and that such rates of postage should be charged and such other regulations made with respect to certain packets sent by the post as are hereinafter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 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, dated the 14th day of August, 1856, 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 14th day of August, 1856, 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 six pence.

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 in 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 and comprise all such articles as in their general character are either literary or consist of printed, written, engraved, or lithographed matter (although not strictly literary), including books (whether printed, written, or plain), publications or compilations (whether in print or in manuscript), almanacks, printed or lithographed letters, and such artistic productions as prints, maps (whether on paper or canvas or cloth, and whether printed or written), and photographs, when not on glass or in frames containing glass, 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 such article or production, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any paper, parchment, or vellum, and including also

any cases or rollers of prints or maps, book markers (whether of paper or otherwise), pencils, pens, or other thing usually appertaining to any such article or production, paper, parchment, or vellum, or necessary for its safe transmission, which shall be sent in the same packet with any such article or production to which they or it shall belong, provided, nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize the sending by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, of any patterns or books of patterns, or papers of patterns, of any article or thing whatsoever.

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 authorised 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.

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 despatched in due course of the post, or (at his option) until the despatch 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 anywise 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 authorised 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 given up or 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 written letter or any written communication in the nature of a letter, whether closed or open, or any inclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other inclosure not authorised by this Warrant, every such letter or communication or inclosure 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.

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 (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 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.

12. 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.

13. 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. Provided always that the redirected rates of postage upon such packets shall be of the same amount as the first prepaid rate payable upon any such packet, and shall be chargeable and charged accordingly.

14. 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.

15. And we do further order and direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

16. 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 eighth day of April, 1857.

*H. Brand.
Duncan.*

Home-Office, April 11, 1857.

The Bedford Reformatory School, at Northey, near Carlton, in the county of Bedford, has been certified by the Secretary of State as fit to be a Reformatory School, under the provisions of the Statute 17 and 18 Victoria, c. 86.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 11th December, 1856.*

NOTICE TO MASTERS OF VESSELS INTENDING TO PASS THROUGH 'TORRES' STRAITS.

THE following Notice, dated the 2nd of April, 1846 respecting the store of bread, fresh water, meat, and spirits, established on Booby Island, for the use of Shipwrecked Seamen, is re-published, for general information, together with a statement recently received from Lieutenant Chimmo, R.N., of the provisions on the Island, on the 17th July, 1856. Towards keeping up the stock of provisions, a further supply of the above-mentioned articles is forwarded to Booby Island annually, by this Government.

Hj. Watson Parker.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 2nd April, 1846.*

NOTICE TO MASTERS OF VESSELS INTENDING TO PASS THROUGH TORRES' STRAITS.

HIS Excellency the Governor of New South Wales desires to make it known to all Masters of Vessels proceeding from Sydney to Torres' Straits, that it is intended to forward, by the "Enchantress," for the purpose of being placed on Booby Island, a further quantity of bread, fresh water, meat, and spirits, as a provision for Shipwrecked Seamen who may seek a refuge on that Island; and his Excellency earnestly invites Masters who may visit Booby Island, after having successfully passed the Straits, to make, from time to time, such additions

to the Store, which was originally established by Captain Blackwood, of the Royal Navy, as may suffice to keep up a constant supply of provisions on the Island.

Directions for finding the provisions will be left at the place called the "The Post Office," on Booby Island.

By his Excellency's command,
E. Deas Thomson.

REMAINS of PROVISIONS found in Booby Island Cave, by the "Torch," on the 17th July, 1856:—

2 barrels of beef.
2 barrels of pork.
1 keg of rum.
3 bags of bread.
1 cask of bread.
8 hhds. of water.
20 tins of preserved meats.
2 bottles of rum.

Besides many smaller articles, such as tea, cigars, onions, &c. &c.

The provisions sent by the Colonial Government in the "Washington Irving," 1856, were in good order, and landed safely.

(Signed) *William Chimmo,*
Lieut. R. N.

I have just learnt from the Commanding Officer of the "Duroc," French War Steamer, that they passed Booby Island in great distress, and did not know that there were any provisions on it. Notice should be given to this effect to all nations.

(Signed) *W. C.*

2nd October, 1856.

Rhymney Railway Bill.

(Notice of intention to introduce Clauses for extending the intended Caerphilly Branch.)

WHEREAS a Bill was introduced into the Honourable the House of Commons in the last session, intituled "A Bill for consolidating the Acts relating to the Rhymney Railway, and for authorizing the Company to make and maintain a branch railway, and for regulating the capital of the Company, and for other purposes," which Bill was in pursuance of the Standing Orders of the said House of Commons, passed on the 12th day of March last, in reference to the suspension of private Bills suspended on the 17th day of March, and will be re-introduced and proceeded with in the next session.

And whereas the said Bill contained among others a provision empowering the said Company to construct a new line of railway, called the Caerphilly Branch Railway (in substitution for the old Caerphilly Branch Railway by the said Bill authorised to be abandoned), commencing in the hamlet of Rhydiboithan, in the parish of Eglwysilan, in the county of Glamorgan, by a junction with the main line of the Rhymney Railway, at a point thereon 300 yards, or thereabouts, south-west of a farm house called Cwrt Drawllyn, in the hamlet of Rhydiboithan and parish of Eglwysilan, and terminating in the hamlet of Hendredenny, in the parish of Eglwysilan, in or near to a field belonging to the Baroness Windsor, and in the occupation of Thomas Evans, 200 yards or thereabouts north-eastward of a farm house called Nant-y-Calch, which intended railway and works will pass from, in, through, or into, or be situate within, the parishes, hamlets, or places of Rhydiboithan, Energlyn, Hendre-