

Admiralty, 19th May, 1857.

The following promotions, dated the 14th instant, consequent on the death, on the 13th instant, of Admiral of the White the Right Honourable Lord William FitzRoy, K.C.B., have this day taken place :

Admiral of the Blue Richard Thomas to be Admiral of the White.

Vice-Admiral of the Red Sir George Francis Seymour, K.C.B., G.C.H., to be Admiral of the Blue.

Vice-Admiral of the White Henry Hope, K.C.B., to be Vice-Admiral of the Red.

Vice-Admiral of the Blue Sir Augustus William James Clifford, Bart., C.B., to be Vice-Admiral of the White.

Rear-Admiral of the Red Francis Erskine Loch to be Vice-Admiral of the Blue.

Rear-Admiral of the White the Honourable Sir Montagu Stopford, K.C.B., to be Rear-Admiral of the Red.

Rear-Admiral of the Blue Frederick Thomas Michell, C.B., to be Rear-Admiral of the White.

Captain William Frederick Lapidge,

Captain James Brasier,

Captain Robert Contart M'Crea,

to be Rear-Admirals on the Reserved Half-pay List.

Captain Michael Quin to be Rear-Admiral of the Blue.

The following Captains on the Retired List have also been promoted to be Retired Rear-Admirals on the terms proposed in the London Gazette of the 1st September, 1846, without increase of pay :

Captain William Slaughter, K.H.

Captain Thomas Gill.

Captain William Allan Herringham.

Captain Robert Gordon.

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

Worcestershire Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.

John Swinton Isaac, Gent., to be Cornet.

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 thereafter 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 transmitted should be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage thereafter mentioned.

And whereas it is expedient to extend the provisions of the said recited Warrant of the 22nd day of February, 1855, except as hereinafter mentioned, to packets of a like kind to be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the colonies of the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, and Vancouver's Island.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said two hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, 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 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 any of the colonial Legislatures, may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the colonies respectively of the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, and Vancouver's Island respectively, and that on every such packet, so transmitted under the provisions of this Warrant as aforesaid, if not exceeding half a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for the transmission thereof as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage of sixpence; and that on every such packet exceeding half a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid such progressive and additional rates of postage as are directed to be charged, taken, and paid on and in respect of the several packets mentioned and contained in, and authorised to be transmitted by the post under the provisions of the said recited Warrant of the 22nd day of February, 1855.

And we do further order and direct, that the terms "books," "publications," or "works of literature or art," herein used, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, have the like meaning, and include the same articles and things in all respects, as are mentioned and described to be meant and included by the like terms used in the said Warrant, bearing date the 22nd day of February, 1855.

And we do further order and direct, that all such respective packets to be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this present Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under, and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions contained in the said recited Warrant of the 22nd day of February, 1855, with respect to the several packets therein mentioned (except such as relate exclusively to packets posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales, or posted in the East Indies or New South Wales, addressed to the United Kingdom), and that all such respec-

tive packets so to be transmitted under the provisions of this present Warrant, shall be subject as well to the several progressive and additional rates of postage aforesaid, as also to the said several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions (except as aforesaid) respectively mentioned, expressed, and contained in and by the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 22nd of February, 1855, in like manner in all respects, and as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as if the said several progressive and additional rates of postage, and the said several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions (except such only as relate exclusively to packets posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales, or posted in the East Indies or New South Wales, addressed to the United Kingdom), respectively mentioned and contained in the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 22nd day of February, 1855, were contained, inserted, expressed, and repeated in this present Warrant, and as if the said colonies of the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, and Vancouver's Island, respectively, with a single rate of postage of sixpence set forth against each and every such respective colonies, had been and was mentioned and contained and included in the said Schedule B, annexed to the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 22nd day of February, 1855.

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, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of 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.

And we do further order and direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July next.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

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TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for 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 colonies of the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, Vancouver's Island, Heligoland, the Ionian Islands, and Natal respectively (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 six pence.

And we direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the said colonies of the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, Vancouver's Island, Heligoland, the Ionian Islands, and Natal, or any of them, 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 the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, Vancouver's Island, Heligoland, the Ionian Islands, and Natal, or any of them, 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