

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

Royal Bucks King's Own Militia.

Russell England, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Baines, resigned.

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

Huntingdonshire Militia.

William Whitter Goldicutt, Esq., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 19th September, 1857.

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

4th or Duke of Lancaster's Own (Light Infantry) Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia.

Hallowes Henry Bolton, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Corlett, resigned. Dated 19th September, 1857.

Frank Jefferson, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Daly, resigned. Dated 19th September, 1857.

James Hardcastle, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Bennett, resigned. Dated 19th September, 1857.

Robert Edmund Haworth, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Fitzpatrick, resigned. Dated 19th September, 1857.

Ensign George Ainsworth Fielding to be Lieutenant, vice Worrall, resigned. Dated 22nd September, 1857.

Royal Lancashire Militia Artillery Regiment.

Charles Williams, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant, vice McCandie Campbell, promoted. Dated 19th September, 1857.

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

George Thomas Nicholson, Esq., to be Vice-Lieutenant. Dated 19th September, 1857.

*3rd Regiment of the Royal Surrey Militia.
To be Ensigns.*

Frederick Goulburn Walpole, Gent. Dated 21st September, 1857.

Adolphus William Murray, Gent. Dated 22nd September, 1857.

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

1st Royal Lanarkshire Militia.

Archibald William Ramsay Davidson, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Henderson, promoted. Dated 21st September, 1857.

2nd Royal Lanarkshire Militia.

Captain John Gordon Campbell, late 42nd Regiment of Foot, to be Captain, vice Trapaud, resigned. Dated 19th September, 1857.

Ensign Francis Wallis Lipscomb to be Lieutenant, vice Wilson, promoted. Dated 19th September, 1857.

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

Forfar and Kincardine Militia Artillery.

Captain Robert Todd Boothby to be Major, vice Laird, promoted. Dated 16th September, 1857.

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

Forfar and Kincardine Regiment of Militia Artillery.

Major David Laird to be Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant, vice Ramsay, resigned. Dated 16th September, 1857.

First Lieutenant Alexander Moncrieff to be Captain, vice Boothby, promoted. Dated 16th September, 1857.

Second Lieutenant James Beattie to be First Lieutenant, vice Moncrieff, promoted. Dated 16th September, 1857.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, 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 postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or of 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 further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act of Parliament, 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 certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications."

And whereas a convention hath been lately made and concluded between the Post-office of the United Kingdom and the Post-office of Belgium, for regulating the communications by post between the United Kingdom and Belgium. And it is expedient for the better carrying out of the same, that certain regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now, we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore-recited Acts of Parliament respectively, and every of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do by his 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 as follows, that is to say:

1. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Belgium, or posted in Belgium addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Belgium, whether forwarded between Belgium and the United Kingdom by packet boat or by private ship, and whether conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium direct, or sent in closed mails via France, there shall be charged and taken, an uniform rate of British postage of two pence, if such postage shall be paid either in money or by postage stamps at the time of posting the letter, and an uniform rate

of British postage of four pence, if such postage shall not be paid at the time of posting the same. And if any such letter shall be insufficiently pre-paid either in money or by postage stamps when posted, every such letter shall be charged with a postage of double the amount of the deficiency.

2. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any foreign country, and transmitted by the post *viâ* Belgium, or posted in any foreign country addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post *viâ* Belgium, whether conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium by packet-boat or private ship direct, or sent in closed mails *viâ* France, (letters forwarded in the closed mails between the United Kingdom and Prussia or Holland excepted), there shall be charged and taken a uniform rate of British postage of sixpence.

3. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Belgium or any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country *viâ* Belgium, and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, conveyed direct by packet-boat or private ship between the United Kingdom and Belgium, or sent in closed mails *viâ* France, there shall be charged and taken a uniform rate of British postage of two pence for the conveyance of every such letter between Belgium and any part of the United Kingdom, and also such a further or additional rate of British postage 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, as shall, from time to time, be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, 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.

4. All such respective letters so respectively transmitted as aforesaid, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :

On every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two rates of postage.

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight of any letter so respectively transmitted as aforesaid above the weight of three ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two additional rates of postage. And every fractional part of such additional ounce shall be charged as an additional ounce in weight, 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 one half of an ounce in weight.

5. All packets consisting of printed newspapers not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Belgium, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Belgium, whether conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium, direct by packet-boat or private ship, or sent in closed mails *viâ* France, may be so transmitted in

conformity with, and under, and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained, relating thereto, and there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission of every such packet, an uniform rate of postage of one penny.

6. All packets consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Belgium, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Belgium, the conveyance between the United Kingdom and Belgium being direct by Packet-boat or private ship, may be so transmitted in conformity with, and under, and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto, and there shall be charged, taken and paid, for the transmission of every such packet, an uniform rate of postage of three pence.

7. All packets consisting of printed newspapers, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom or any British Colony, and transmitted by the post through the United Kingdom, addressed to any foreign country, *viâ* Belgium, or posted in any foreign country and transmitted by the post *viâ* Belgium, addressed to the United Kingdom or to any British Colony, whether conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium direct by packet-boat or private ship, or sent in closed mails *viâ* France (newspapers forwarded in the closed mails between the United Kingdom and Prussia or Holland excepted,) may be so transmitted, in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained, relating thereto, and there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission of every such packet an uniform British rate of postage of one penny.

8. All packets transmitted respectively under the 5th, 6th, and 7th clauses of this Warrant, hereinbefore respectively contained, shall, if exceeding the weight of four ounces respectively, be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say) :

On every packet so transmitted, if exceeding four ounces in weight and not exceeding half a pound in weight, two rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding half a pound in weight and not exceeding one pound in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and a-half in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and a-half and not exceeding two pounds in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of a pound shall be charged as an additional half of a pound in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

9. As to all packets consisting of printed newspapers or other printed papers, hereinbefore in the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th clauses of this Warrant authorized to be sent by the post, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Belgium, or posted in the United Kingdom or in any British Colony addressed to any foreign country *viâ* Belgium, the postage thereof shall in every case be paid, either

in money or by being stamped with the proper British postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, on the same being posted, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereupon 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 have 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. And as to every such packet posted in Belgium addressed to the United Kingdom it is the intention that the postage thereof shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted; and if the postage of any such packet posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Belgium, or posted in the United Kingdom or any British Colony, addressed to any foreign country via Belgium, shall not be duly and properly paid when posted, or if the postage of any such packet posted in Belgium addressed to the United Kingdom shall not be duly and properly paid when posted, every such packet shall be chargeable with the amount of postage to which it would have been liable as an unpaid letter; but if on any such packet posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Belgium, or posted in Belgium addressed to the United Kingdom, the postage paid or the postage stamps affixed thereto shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, but equal in amount to the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under this Warrant, if such packet did not exceed four ounces in weight, every such last mentioned packet shall be forwarded charged with a postage of double the amount of any deficiency of postage between the amount paid thereon or the value of the stamp or stamps thereon or affixed thereto, and the amount of postage to which it would have been liable under the provisions of this Warrant if the postage had been fully paid in money or stamps when posted.

10. All packets consisting of printed newspapers posted in Belgium, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post from any place in Belgium to any part of the United Kingdom, whether conveyed between Belgium and the United Kingdom direct by packet-boat or private ship, or sent in closed mails via France, shall and may be so transmitted free from British postage; and all packets consisting of printed papers other than newspapers posted in Belgium, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post from any place in Belgium to any part of the United Kingdom, the conveyance between Belgium and the United Kingdom being direct by packet boat or by private ship, shall and may be so transmitted free from British postage.

11. All packets consisting of printed newspapers or other printed papers, not exceeding two ounces in weight, transmitted by the post from Belgium to any of the British Colonies, through the United Kingdom or from any of the British Colonies, addressed to Belgium through the United Kingdom, the conveyance between Belgium and the United Kingdom being direct by packet-boat or private ship, may be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto, and there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission of every such packet an uniform rate of postage of two pence.

12. All packets consisting of printed newspapers or other printed papers, not exceeding two ounces

in weight, posted in the United Kingdom and transmitted by the post to any British Colony or foreign country beyond the sea, via Belgium, or posted in any British Colony or foreign country beyond the sea and transmitted by the post, via Belgium, addressed to the United Kingdom, which shall be chargeable with any Belgian transit or sea rate, may be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto, and there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission of every such packet an uniform British rate of postage of two pence.

13. All packets transmitted respectively under the 11th and 12th clauses of this Warrant hereinbefore respectively contained, shall, if exceeding the weight of two ounces respectively, be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

On every packet so transmitted, if exceeding two ounces in weight, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two rates of postage.

And on every packet so transmitted, if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding one-half of a pound in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every packet so transmitted, if exceeding one-half of a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of one pound, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, four additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of a pound in weight shall be charged as an additional half of a pound in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding two ounces in weight.

14. The term "printed papers," used in this Warrant, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, mean and include books stitched or bound, and all printed papers other than newspapers, whether British, Colonial or foreign, and whether printed, engraved, or lithographed; and the several other terms and expression 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 of the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

15. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by the said recited Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty; or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service, and seamen and soldiers employed in the service of the East India Company are now by law entitled to, of sending and receiving by the post, letters not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

16. Every printed newspaper or other printed paper, and packet of printed newspapers or other printed papers, which shall be transmitted by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions following; that is to say:

Every British newspaper which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, shall be printed and published at intervals not exceeding thirty-one

days between any two consecutive numbers or parts of such publication, and the same shall be registered at the General Post-office in London, and shall be posted within fifteen days from the date of its publication, and the title and date of the newspaper shall be printed at the top of every page thereof.

Every packet of printed newspapers or other printed papers 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 there shall be no word or communication printed on the contents of any such packet after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon any such contents or the cover thereof, other than and except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent; but the name or title of any newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, news-vender, or agent by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof.

No packet of printed newspapers or other printed papers transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall contain any letter or communication, nor any inclosure other than printed newspapers or other printed papers.

Every newspaper and packet of printed newspapers or other printed papers transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, and posted in the United Kingdom, shall be put into the Post-office at such hours in the day and under all such regulations as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

17. If any newspaper or packet of printed newspapers or other printed papers transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, be sent by the post otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations established by or under the 16th clause of this Warrant, the same shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, 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 the same shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such newspaper or packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with any rates of postage the Postmaster-General may think fit, not exceeding the rates that would be chargeable on such newspaper or packet as an unpaid letter.

18. The rates of postage chargeable on letters, printed newspapers, and other printed papers transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, and the freedom from postage hereby granted shall be in lieu of any rates of British postage now chargeable by law thereon.

19. The respective letters, newspapers, and 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.

20. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, may, by Warrant under their hands duly made, at any time hereafter alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, or conditions in lieu thereof, and

from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

21. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of October next.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the twenty-fourth day of September, 1857.

Duncan.
H. Brand.

Home-Office, September 21, 1857.

The North Lancashire Reformatory School at Bleasdale, near Garstang, in the county of Lancaster, has been certified by the Secretary of State as fit to be a Reformatory School, under the provisions of the statute 17th and 18th Vict., c. 86.

Home-Office, September 21, 1857.

The Catholic Reformatory School for girls at Beccham Lodge, Hammersmith, in the county of Middlesex, has been certified by the Secretary of State as fit to be a Reformatory School, under the provisions of the statute 17th and 18th Vict., c. 86.

Whitehall, July 25, 1857.

The Right Honourable Sir Alexander Edmund Cockburn, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed Walters Freak Pratt, of Wootton Bassett, in the county of Wilts, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Wilts.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 26.) ENGLAND.—WEST COAST.

Rocks in Broad Sound.

SEVERAL rocks having been lately discovered in the vicinity of Skokham Island and Broad Sound, near Milford Haven, during the progress of the Admiralty Survey under Commander Alldridge, R.N., the following notice is published for the benefit of the mariner:—

1. A rock awash lies to the northward of the east end of Skokham Island, 200 yards N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. from the Stack.

2. A rock with 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms on it, lies in the same direction from the Stack, at 400 yards off.

3. Two other rocks, with 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms, exist at 533 yards N.N.E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E. of the Stack. All these rocks are directly in the track of vessels passing through the Sound to or from Milford Haven.

4. To the southward of Skokham Stack, there are also rocks with 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms, at 820 yards S.S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. from the Stack.

5. To the westward of Skokham Island, rocks have been found in the race known as the Wild Goose Race, with 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 fathoms, at 1,300 yards N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W. from the west end of Skokham Island, and the west end of Skomer Island, bearing N. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E.

6. To the northward of Skokham Island, there are rocks with from 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ fathoms to 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ fathoms on them, which lie midway between, and in a line from, the west end of Skokham Island, and the Mewstone of Skomer Island, or 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ mile N.W. by N. from Skokham Stack.