

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

2nd Regiment of King's Own Staffordshire Militia.
Ensign William Henry Cooper to be Lieutenant, vice Knight, promoted. Dated 23rd December, 1857.

King's Own Rifle Regiment of Staffordshire Militia.

Thomas Donaldson, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Cotton, promoted. Dated 5th February, 1858.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Warwick.**Warwickshire Militia.**1st Regiment.*

Henry John Yeatman, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Henry Haylett Ramsdale, promoted. Dated 16th February, 1858.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Surrey.**3rd Regiment of the Royal Surrey Militia.**To be Captains.*

Lieutenant Charles Downes Manning, vice Brown, resigned. Dated 23rd February, 1858.

Lieutenant Samuel Arthur Seawell, vice Rentoul, appointed to 12th Lancers. Dated 24th February, 1858.

To be Lieutenants.

Ensign Lamorock Flower, vice Vivian, resigned. Dated 23rd February, 1858.

Ensign Junius Eicke, vice Green, appointed to the Line. Dated 24th February, 1858.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Forfar.**Forfar and Kincardine Regiment of Militia Artillery.*

Charles Basil Fisher, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant, vice Edward Alfred Webster, promoted. Dated 15th February, 1858.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Northampton.**Northamptonshire Militia.*

Lieutenant William Kerr to be Captain, vice Captain Charles William Watkins, deceased. Dated 23rd February, 1858.

Ensign Charles Wollaston Hutton to be Lieutenant, vice William Kerr, promoted. Dated 23rd February, 1858.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Haddington.**East Lothian Yeomanry Cavalry.*

Lieutenant Henry Marshall Davidson to be Captain, vice Hunter, promoted. Dated 9th February, 1858.

Cornet George Baillie, junr., to be Lieutenant, vice Davidson, promoted. Dated 9th February, 1858.

Archibald Colin Campbell Renton, Gent., to be Cornet, vice Baillie, promoted. Dated 9th February, 1858.

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 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 Treaty hath been lately entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Republic of Liberia, for regulating the communications by post between the United Kingdom and Liberia; 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 and every 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, direct, and declare as follows:

1. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Liberia, or posted in Liberia, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Liberia (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and Liberia being by British packet boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

2. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by British packet boat from any port in Liberia to any other port on the West Coast of Africa, or any other foreign or colonial port at which such packet boat shall touch on its voyage to or from the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of four pence.

3. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Liberia and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (the conveyance between Liberia and the United Kingdom being by British packet boat), there shall be charged and taken a British rate of postage of five pence for the conveyance of every such letter between Liberia and any part of the United Kingdom; 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 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; provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted therefrom the sum of one penny, in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

4. All such respective letters so transmitted as hereinbefore in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd clauses of this Warrant mentioned, 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 such letter, if exceeding half 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 such letter, if exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

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

And for every additional ounce in weight of any such letter 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 half an ounce in weight.

5. The postage of every letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Liberia, or posted in Liberia addressed to the United Kingdom, shall be paid at the time of the letter being posted, and if any such letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom without any postage being paid thereon, or with a postage paid thereon less than the sum of sixpence, the same shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof. And if any such letter shall be posted either in the United Kingdom or in Liberia with a postage paid thereon, less in amount than the sum chargeable under this Warrant, but equal in amount to the sum of sixpence, every such last mentioned letter shall be charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so prepaid, and the full postage to which it shall be liable under the provisions of this Warrant, and in addition thereto with a further fixed rate of postage of sixpence.

6. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and 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 half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

7. On every British newspaper posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Liberia, transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Liberia (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and Liberia being by British packet boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of one penny, which postage shall be paid at the time of the newspaper, being posted, but every printed newspaper posted in Liberia addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post from Liberia to the United Kingdom (the sea conveyance being by British packet boat), shall be delivered in the United Kingdom free of British postage.

8. On every printed newspaper posted in any British colony or foreign country addressed to Liberia, and on every printed newspaper posted in Liberia addressed to any British colony or foreign country, respectively transmitted by the post through the United Kingdom (the conveyance between Liberia and the United Kingdom being by the British packet boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of one penny in addition to any foreign transit postage that may be chargeable for the transmission of any such respective newspapers through a foreign country.

9. On every printed foreign or colonial newspaper transmitted by British packet boat, from any port in Liberia, to any other port on the West Coast of Africa, or any other foreign or colonial port at which such packet boat shall touch on its voyage to or from the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of one penny, which postage shall be paid at the time of the newspapers being posted.

10. 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 or Liberian Legislatures, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Liberia, or posted in Liberia addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Liberia (the sea conveyance being by British packet boat). And all such respective packets shall be transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto. And the single rate of postage for the transmission of such packets, shall be the sum of three pence. And all such respective packets so transmitted and chargeable with postage under this clause, shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for the transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage of three pence.

And on every such packet, exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows, that is to say:

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, two rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces, 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 the half of another pound in weight, six rates of postage.

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of one pound and the half of another pound, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two 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 four ounces in weight.

11. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Clauses of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter contained, that is to say :

Every British newspaper which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be printed and published at intervals, not exceeding thirty-one days between any two consecutive numbers or parts of such publications, and the same shall be registered by the proprietor or printer thereof, 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.

No packet which in length, or breadth or width, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, shall be forwarded by the post, under the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Clauses of this Warrant.

The terms "books, publications, or works of literature or art" in this Warrant used, shall for the purposes of this Warrant, mean and comprise all such articles as in their general character are either literary or consist of printed, engraved, or lithographed matter (although not strictly literary), including printed books, printed publications, or compilations, almanacks, printed or lithographed letters, and such artistic productions as prints, printed maps (whether on paper, or canvass, or cloth), and photographs, when not on glass or in frames containing glass, together with any binding, mounting, or covering, of or upon or belonging to any such article or production or any portion thereof, and including also any cases or rollers of prints or maps, book markers (whether of paper or otherwise), pencils, pens, or other things usually appertaining to any such article or production, 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 10th Clause of this Warrant, of any patterns or books of patterns, or papers of patterns, of any article or thing whatsoever, unless such patterns consist merely of paper.

Every packet transmitted by the post under the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th clauses of this Warrant, 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.

There shall be no word or communication printed on any newspaper transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon any such newspaper, or upon any 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 such newspaper and the name and address of the publisher, newsvendor, or agent, by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof.

There shall be no paper or thing inclosed in or with any such newspaper.

No packet transmitted by the post under the 10th clause of this Warrant shall contain any written letter, either closed or open, nor any written communication in the nature of a letter, either closed or open (whether such letter or communication be addressed to, or intended for, the person to whom the packet shall be directed, or any other person), nor any inclosure sealed, or otherwise closed against inspection, nor shall there be any other inclosure, 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.

Every packet transmitted by the post under the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th clauses 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.

Upon every packet transmitted by the post under the 10th clause of this Warrant, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom or Liberia, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

12. If any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th clauses of this Warrant, shall in length, or breadth, or width, exceed the dimensions of two feet, or if any such packet, or the cover, or envelope thereof, shall not be open at the ends or sides, or if any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the 7th, 8th, and 9th clauses of this Warrant, shall be sent otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations established by or under the authority of this Warrant, or if any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the 10th clause of this Warrant, shall contain any written letter, or any written communication in the nature of a letter, or if there shall be any written letter, or any written communication in the nature of a letter, on any such last-mentioned packet, or on the cover or envelope thereof (whether such letter or communication be addressed to or intended for the person to whom the packet shall be directed, or any other person), every such respective 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, and every such respective packet, on being so returned or given up, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

13. If any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the 10th clause of this Warrant, between the United Kingdom and Liberia (any such packet posted in London, and 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 in the United Kingdom

or Liberia, with a postage paid thereon less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of the regulations hereinbefore contained, 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 packet shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon, and the postage to which such packet would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage, equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable under the 10th clause of this Warrant on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight; but if any such packet shall be posted in the United Kingdom or Liberia, with a postage paid thereon less in amount than the single rate of postage chargeable under the 10th clause of this Warrant, or if any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the 10th clause of this Warrant, between the United Kingdom and Liberia (any such packet posted in London, and 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 in the United Kingdom or Liberia, without any postage being paid thereon, every such respective packet shall and may be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be dealt with and chargeable in like manner as is hereinbefore directed with respect to any packet not open at the ends or sides, or not exceeding in length, or breadth, or width, the dimensions of two feet.

14. The respective letters 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 under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, bearing date the 19th day of February, 1855, relating to re-directed rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be re-directed and again forwarded by the post.

15. The rates of postage chargeable on letters, printed newspapers, books, publications, or works of literature or art, and other printed papers transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be in lieu of any rates of British postage now chargeable by law thereon.

16. The several 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.

17. 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 altered, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

18. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1858.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twentieth day of February, 1858.

Duncan.
H. Brand.

Whitehall, January 30, 1858.

The Right Honourable Sir Alexander Edmund Cockburn, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed George Becke, of Bedford-row, in the county of Middlesex, 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 city of London, also in and for the city and liberties of Westminster, and county of Middlesex.

Whitehall, February 20, 1858.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed John Wilson, of Kendal, in the county of Westmorland, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

Whitehall, February 23, 1858.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Joseph Edmund Wilkinson, of Market Drayton, in the county of Salop, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House, February 25, 1858.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now making for the intended distribution of proceeds arising from the sale of the Brazilian schooner Taglione, captured on the 30th March, 1847, by Her Majesty's ship Grappler.

Agents or other persons having any just and legal demand, unliquidated, against the said proceeds, are required to transmit the particulars of any such demand to the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, in order that the same may be examined, taxed, and allowed by that Officer, and paid under the sanction of the Judge of the said Court.

Agents and all other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments, or other instruments, by virtue of which they may be legally entitled to claim the share belonging to any captor, are requested, with as little delay as possible, to transmit the same, accompanied by the usual documents, to the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House.

Due notice will be given, by future advertisements in the London Gazette, of the date proposed for the commencement of distribution; and, at the same time, the amount of an individual's share in the respective classes will be announced.

INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act for the divisions of Droitwich, Northfield, and Stourbridge, in the county of Worcester, 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