

*Commission signed by the Vice Lieutenant of the County of Stafford.*

*1st Regiment of King's Own Staffordshire Militia.*

William Alexander Hearnden, Gent., to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice Hichens, promoted. Dated 10th June, 1858.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Chester.*

*2nd Regiment of Royal Cheshire Militia.*

Ensign George Robert Willson to be Lieutenant, vice Featherstonhaugh, resigned. Dated 1st June, 1858.

Ensign Frederick Henry Kelsall to be Lieutenant, vice Williams, resigned. Dated 5th June, 1858.

Ensign Edgar Gardner to be Lieutenant, vice Hicks, resigned. Dated 10th June, 1858.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Edinburgh.*

*Edinburgh or Queen's Regiment of Light Infantry Militia.*

John Dunbar, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Pott, promoted. Dated 8th June, 1858.

*Worcestershire Militia.*

#### MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held in this regiment by Ensign King. Dated 17th June, 1858.

#### TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the eighth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the better Regulation of Colonial Posts," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of colonial postage payable by law for the transmission of letters by the post, 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 make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and by Warrant as aforesaid to appoint at what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid:

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 it is expedient to make regulations for the transmission by the post within Jamaica of the packets hereinafter mentioned:

1. Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said beforementioned Acts, 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 as follows, (that is to say):

All packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, posted in the colony

of Jamaica, may be transmitted by the post within the colony of Jamaica, subject to the several rates and regulations hereinafter contained (that is to say):

On every such packet, if not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of colonial postage of one penny.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of colonial postage of twopence.

And for every additional ounce in weight of any such packet above the weight of two ounces, there shall be charged and taken an additional rate of colonial postage of one penny, and every fractional part of every such additional ounce in weight shall be charged as one ounce in weight.

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.

No such packet, which shall exceed the weight of three pounds, shall be forwarded by the post, under the provisions aforesaid.

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, 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, unless such patterns consist merely of paper.

Every packet transmitted by the post under the authority 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; and there shall be no 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 in-

spection, nor 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.

2. In order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, any officer of the Post Office may 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 dispatched, 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.

3. 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 Island of Jamaica, and by the post of any post town in the said island.

4. 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 any such packet shall exceed the weight of three pounds, 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, (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 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, or given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted, and such postage may be either paid by the sender, or be charged to the person to whom such packet shall be given up or forwarded.

5. 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 authorized by this Warrant, every such letter, or communication, or inclosure, may be taken out by any officer of the Post Office, and either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or forwarded to the address on the packet, charged in either case, not only with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of one penny, and the remainder of the packet, if the postage be duly paid when posted, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

6. Upon every packet transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

7. If any packet sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be posted, and the postage paid thereon at the time of the same being posted, 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 the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under this Warrant if such packet did not exceed an ounce 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 this Warrant on a packet not exceeding one ounce in weight, but if any such packet shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon, or with a postage paid thereon less in amount than the single rate of postage chargeable under this Warrant, every such last mentioned 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 last mentioned packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted, and such postage may be either paid by the sender, or may be charged to the person to whom such packet shall be forwarded.

8. The postage chargeable on any packet under the provisions of this Warrant, shall not in any case exceed the rates of postage to which any such packet would be liable as a letter.

9. Nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to extend to interfere with or in anywise to affect any privileges relating to the transmission by the post in Jamaica of printed newspapers, or any printed publications which are allowed to pass by the post in Jamaica under the newspaper privileges, nevertheless any printed newspapers which are not authorized to be transmitted by the post in Jamaica under such privilege may be transmitted by the post at the rates of postage, and under the regulations contained in this Warrant.

10. The rates of postage chargeable on packets transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be in lieu of any rates of colonial postage now chargeable by law thereon.

11. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of August, 1858.

12. 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 15th day of June, 1858.

*Henry Whitmore.*  
*Howard Taylor.*

Whitehall, June 15, 1858.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed George Thomas Thompson, of Dover, in the county of Kent, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.