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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
June 20, 1859.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Lisbon, transmitting a copy of a Portuguese Royal Decree authorizing the importation, free of duty, into the Cape Verd Islands, of the following articles, until the end of the year 1860:—Indian corn, rice, broad beans, French beans, Indian corn flour and mandioc flour, mutton, beef or pork, fresh or salt, including bacon and hogs' lard.

The same decree authorizes the free importation, until the end of the year 1863, of horned cattle, sheep, goats, horses, mules, swine and camels, and also exempts such animals from the tithe or disimo tax during the same period, and permits the importation, from the 1st January, 1860, to the end of the year 1863, of hogs' lard, mutton, beef and pork, fresh or salt, free of duty if of Portuguese production and imported from a Portuguese port in a Portuguese vessel, and subject to a duty of 10 per cent. if foreign produce. Indian corn flour imported after the 1st January, 1860, will be subject to a duty of 200 reis per barrel, if of foreign produce, and will be admitted free if of Portuguese production, imported from a Portuguese port, in a Portuguese vessel.

The cattle and animals above referred to will, until the end of the year 1864, if exported from the Cape Verd Islands to any continental port of Portugal, be considered as foreign, although they may be Portuguese produce. The cereals and animal food, also previously referred to, will be regarded equally, if exported from the Cape Verd Islands to Portugal, as of foreign production until the end of the year 1860.

*War-Office, Pall-Mall,
21st June, 1859.*

COMMISSARIAT DEPARTMENT.

Deputy Commissary-General William Henry Drake, C.B., to be Commissary-General. Dated 21st June, 1859.

CHAPLAIN'S DEPARTMENT.

The Reverend Edward J. Rogers, Chaplain of the Fourth Class, to be Chaplain of the Third Class. Dated 26th March, 1859.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Bristol.

William Montague Baillie, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 15th June, 1859.

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

90th, or Stirlingshire, &c., Highland Borderers Light Infantry Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant John Henderson to be Captain, vice Robert Stuart McGregor, resigned.

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

Western Regiment of Suffolk Militia.

Lord Augustus Henry Charles Hervey to be Lieutenant. Dated 15th June, 1859.

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

7th Regiment of Lancashire Militia.

Lieutenant John Hamilton to be Captain, vice George Davison Bland, resigned. Dated 9th June, 1859.

Ensign George Edward Gorton to be Lieutenant, vice John Hamilton, promoted. Dated 9th June, 1859.

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

6th Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia.

John Clarke Swanton, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 16th June, 1859.

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

1st or Western Regiment of Norfolk Militia.

George Hill, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 14th June, 1859.

Commission signed by the Vice Lieutenant of the County of Lincoln.

Royal North Lincoln Militia.

Charles Frederick Sharp, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 13th June, 1859.

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," 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 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant in writing under their hands, duly made, and bearing date at Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, in exercise of the power or authority in them for that purpose vested, in and by the said recited Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and (amongst other colonies) Malta (direct or through any other colony, or through any foreign country), there should be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform British rate of sixpence; and that on every letter transmitted as mentioned in the said

now recited Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there should be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional, rates of postage as therein mentioned.

And whereas other 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 that other regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of letters between the United Kingdom and Malta 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 two hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this present 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 quarter of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and Malta, *viâ* France (whether the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean be by British or by French packet boat), there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of postage (British and French combined) of six pence.

2. And on every letter so transmitted, exceeding one quarter of 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 one quarter of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one half an ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every such letter, exceeding one half of an ounce, and not exceeding three quarters of an ounce in weight, three rates of postage.

On every such letter, exceeding three quarters of an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every quarter of an ounce in weight, above the weight of one ounce, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and every fraction of a quarter of an ounce in weight, above the weight of one ounce, shall be charged as an additional quarter of an 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 quarter of an ounce in weight.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have, at various times, since the passing of the said two before recited Acts, and in pursuance and in exercise of the powers reserved to them thereby by divers Warrants in writing under their hands duly made, and bearing date respectively at Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 15th day of January, 1858, the 13th day of August, 1858, the 16th day of August, 1858, the 27th day of August, 1858, the 1st day of September, 1858, the 9th day of November, 1858, the 27th day of November, 1858, the 18th day of January, 1859, and the 13th day of March, 1859, made certain regulations for the transmission by the post of the several letters therein respectively mentioned.

And whereas it is expedient that the further regulation hereinafter mentioned should be made.

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 others powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant, under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, by the authority aforesaid, order and direct as follows:—

3. Nothing hereinbefore or in any or either of the said lastly hereinbefore recited Warrants contained, shall in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege granted by the said first hereinbefore recited Act in favour of petitions and addresses forwarded to Her Majesty by the post, nor the privilege granted by the same Act to Members of each House of Parliament, to receive by the post petitions and addresses to Her Majesty, and petitions addressed to either House of Parliament, not exceeding thirty-two ounces in weight, exempt from postage, nor shall anything hereinbefore or in the said several last recited Warrants respectively contained, in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's Service, and seamen and soldiers employed in the service of the East India Company, had, or have, or are entitled to by law, 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.

4. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands duly made, may at any time hereafter alter or repeal any of the rates hereby altered, or any of the regulations hereby made, and make and establish any new or other rates and regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

5. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1859.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the fourteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

Howard Taylor.
Henry Whitmore.

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