

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

Warwickshire Rifle Volunteers.

1st Company.

Charles Thomas Burt, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Gem, promoted. Dated 23rd February, 1860.

6th Company.

Charles Reeves, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 24th February, 1860.

Barnabas Chesshire, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 24th February, 1860.

7th Company.

Edward Flower, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 24th February, 1860.

William Henry Hunt, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 24th February, 1860.

Commissions signed by Her Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy of the County of Lanark.

1st Lanarkshire Artillery Volunteers.

10th Company.

Donald Matheson, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 24th February, 1860.

Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers.

59th Company.

John James Alston, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 25th February, 1860.

John Bankier, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 25th February, 1860.

Patrick Robertson, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 25th February, 1860.

63rd Company.

John Ure, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 24th February, 1860.

James Sinclair, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 24th February, 1860.

David Watt, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 24th February, 1860.

1st Durham Regiment of Militia.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain Edward Kent Fairless.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed, and were made chargeable and payable upon, for, and in respect of letters, newspapers, Parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post, and by the same Act powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, and at any time thereafter, by Warrant under their hands to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage or inland 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 from time to time,

by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any of such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which might be payable were to be paid, and the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage was extended to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas by an Act of Parliament passed in the eighth year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for the better regulation of colonial posts," power is also 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 the rates of colonial postage from time to time to become payable, under or by virtue of any such Warrant are to be charged and paid accordingly, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which might be payable are to be paid, and the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage was extended to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage, and it was declared that the term "letter" should include post letters and packets, newspapers, votes, and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, and votes and proceedings of the legislatures of any of Her Majesty's colonies or provinces, pamphlets, and other printed papers.

And whereas by an Act of Parliament passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her 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," the provision fixing the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post in the first-mentioned Act was repealed, and in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury at any time or times thereafter, by Warrant under their hands, to fix the maximum weight of letters to be sent by post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum of weight in lieu thereof. And it is provided that all letters should be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post in conformity with any such Warrant, and also in conformity with and under and subject to all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions, as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury should from time to time direct. And by the said Act power is also given to the Postmaster-General to collect and receive the foreign and colonial postage charged or chargeable on any letters sent by the post, and also with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to require the postage, British, colonial, or foreign, of any letters sent by the post to be pre-paid either in money or in stamps, as he might think fit, on the same being put into the post-office, and also with such consent to abolish or restrict the pre-payment in money of postage on letters sent by the post either altogether or on certain letters, and to require the pre-payment thereof to be in stamps, and also to refuse to receive or send by the post

any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made. And it is also declared that in all cases in which the British postage chargeable on any letters sent by the post should exceed the sum of one penny, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury might by Warrant under their hands reduce such postage to any other rate of postage they might from time to time think fit. And that also the Postmaster-General might, if he should think fit, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, allow any printed words, writing, or marks, in addition to the direction, to be put on any printed newspapers or other printed papers sent by the post, or on the covers thereof, and that any such newspapers or other printed papers, should from thenceforth be forwarded either free of postage, or subject to such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, should from time to time direct. And it is also declared that the Postmaster-General and any officer of the post-office, might detain any letters which should be posted or sent by the post, contrary to the regulations of that Act, or the first mentioned Act, or contrary to any regulations made under the authority of that Act, or of the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant, to be issued under or by virtue of that Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the first-mentioned Act, and open such letters, and either return them to the senders thereof, or forward them to the places of their destination, charged in either case with such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, should from time to time direct. And it is also declared that the term "letter," as also the term "letters," used in the said now reciting Act, should be construed according to the interpretation of the term "letter," contained in the said recited Act, passed in the eighth year of the reign of Her Majesty.

And whereas it is expedient to make regulations by which packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, may be transmitted by the post, between any two of Her Majesty's colonies, through the United Kingdom, and to fix certain rates of postage and scales of weight, at which such packets may be so transmitted in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

Now We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us, in and by the said several before-mentioned Acts, or any 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, direct, and declare, as follows :

1. 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, may be transmitted by the post between any two of Her Majesty's colonies through the United Kingdom ; and all such respective packets shall be so transmitted respectively in conformity with and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained ; and the single rate of postage for the transmission thereof shall be as follows, that is to say, for every such packet so transmitted, not exceeding four ounces in weight, if such packet, in the course of such transmission thereof as aforesaid shall not pass through or across the

Isthmus of Suez, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for such transmission thereof as aforesaid an uniform single rate of postage of sixpence, and for every such packet so transmitted, not exceeding four ounces in weight if such packet, in the course of such transmission thereof as aforesaid shall pass through or across the Isthmus of Suez there shall be charged, taken, and paid for such transmission thereof as last aforesaid an uniform single rate of postage of sevenpence.

2. All such packets so respectively transmitted as aforesaid, if exceeding four ounces in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned according to the scale of weight hereinafter contained ; that is to say :

On every such packet so transmitted respectively as aforesaid, if exceeding four ounces in weight and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage.

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

And on every such packet so transmitted respectively as aforesaid, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and one half of another pound in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such packet so transmitted respectively as aforesaid, if exceeding one pound and one-half of another pound 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 so transmitted respectively, as aforesaid, 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 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.

No such packet, which in length, or breadth, or width, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions aforesaid.

No such packet, posted in any other of Her Majesty's colonies, addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales, or posted in the East Indies or New South Wales, addressed to any other of Her Majesty's colonies, exceeding 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 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. And all letters, notices, and other communications (whether upon paper, parchment, or vellum), partly printed or partly lithographed, and partly written, which if wholly written would not be considered letters or communications in the nature of letters, shall and may be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant. But any letter, notice, or other communication (whether upon paper, parchment, or vellum), partly printed, or partly lithographed and partly written, which if wholly written would be considered a letter, or a communication in the nature of a letter, shall not be entitled to the privilege of being transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant. 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.

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 inspection, nor any other enclosure 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.

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, either in money or by the proper colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto.

3. 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, either for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be despatched 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.

4. 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 of printed newspapers, or any printed

publications, which are allowed to pass by the post under the newspaper privilege; nevertheless any printed newspapers which are not authorized to be transmitted by the post under such privileges, may be transmitted by the post at the rates of postage and under the regulations contained in this Warrant.

5. Every letter, notice, or other communication, (whether upon paper, parchment, or vellum), partly printed, or partly lithographed, and partly written, which if wholly written would be considered a letter or a communication in the nature of a letter sent by the post, shall be deemed and considered to be a letter or a communication in the nature of a letter, and shall be charged and chargeable with postage as a letter, and shall be transmitted by the post in conformity with and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions relating to letters posted and addressed in like manner.

6. If any question shall arise whether any such letter, notice, or other communication as is last hereinbefore mentioned, is entitled to the privilege of a printed paper so far as respects the transmission thereof by the post, or of being sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, or is chargeable as a letter, the same shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General, whose decision thereupon shall be final.

7. If any packet sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, posted in any other of Her Majesty's colonies, addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales, or posted in the East Indies or New South Wales, addressed to any other of Her Majesty's colonies, shall exceed the weight of three pounds, or if any packet sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall in length or breadth, or width, exceed the dimensions of two feet, or 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 Warrant, shall not be open at the ends or sides, 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 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, 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, 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 forwarded.

8. 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 postage

equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable under the provisions of this Warrant on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight; 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.

9. 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, or postage stamps affixed thereto, 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 four ounces in weight, every such packet shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon, or postage stamps affixed thereto, 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 four ounces in weight; but if any such packet shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon, or any postage stamp affixed thereto, or with a postage paid thereon, or postage stamp affixed thereto, 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.

10. In all cases where any packet may be transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, and any such packet shall be transmitted not in conformity with the provisions thereof, and under and subject to the regulations, orders, directions, and conditions herein contained, and shall by reason thereof have become liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, to be charged with the like rate or amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter, if the postage had been paid when posted, or with any higher rate or amount of postage, the Postmaster-General shall, and he is hereby authorized and empowered at his discretion, either to charge any such packet with the rate or amount of postage to which it shall have become liable, under or by virtue of this Warrant as aforesaid, or to charge any such packet with any other rate or amount of postage which he shall think proper, not exceeding the rate or amount of postage to which such packet shall have become liable under or by virtue of this Warrant as aforesaid, nor less than the rate of postage to which such packet would have been chargeable with if transmitted in conformity with the provisions hereof, and under and subject to the regulations, orders, directions, and conditions herein contained.

11. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any packet sent through France or

any other foreign country, to which a transit rate of postage would be payable thereon.

12. The Postmaster-General shall and may have and exercise, the option of sending any packets hereby authorized to be sent by the post, under the provisions aforesaid, either by packet-boat or private ship, at the same rate of postage as by packet-boat, when and as he shall think fit.

13. All 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 redirected rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post.

14. For the purposes of this Warrant, the several ports only of Cape Town, Mossell Bay, and Port Elizabeth, within the colony of the Cape of Good Hope, shall be deemed and considered Her Majesty's colony of the Cape of Good Hope, between which and any other of Her Majesty's colonies, packets may be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

15. The term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British or colonial packet-boat, and also by private ship, when sent by the Postmaster-General, in accordance with the 12th clause hereinbefore contained, and the option thereby given to the Postmaster-General, and the term "East Indies" used in this Warrant shall be construed to mean every port or place in Her Majesty's dominions in Asia (China, Hong Kong, Ceylon, the Mauritius, Java, Borneo, and Australia excepted), and the several other 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 Majesty.

16. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, or the hands of any two of them, 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.

17. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of May, 1860.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-third day of February, one thousand eight hundred sixty.

William Dunbar.
John Bagwell.

January 24, 1860.

The Right Honourable Sir Frederick Pollock and Sir William Henry Watson, Knights, two of the Barons of Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer at Westminster, have appointed Samuel Potter the elder, of No. 36, King-street, Cheapside, in the city of London, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner for administering oaths in Common Law in the said Court.

December 12, 1859.

The Right Honourable Sir Alexander Edmund Cockburn, Baronet, and the Honourable Colin