

MEMORANDA.

Lancashire Volunteers.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held by First Lieutenant Richard Blundell Houghton in the 2nd, and Captain Christopher Alston in the 5th Lancashire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain F. L. Lloyd Philipps in the 1st Carmarthenshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, 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 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 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 may be payable are to be paid; and it is provided, that the power thereby given should extend to any increase or reduction or remission of postage.

And whereas further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by an Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, 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 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 19th day of July, 1852, did direct that certain rates of British postage therein mentioned should be charged and taken upon the transmission of letters between the United Kingdom and any place in the German postal union, and between any foreign country through any part of the German postal union, and any place in the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium by packet-boat.

And whereas by a certain other Warrant in writing duly made, and bearing date at Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 27th day of June, 1859, after reciting the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 19th day of July, 1852, and that a postal convention had been then recently made and entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of His Majesty the King of Prussia, and that it was expedient that further regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of certain letters in manner therein mentioned, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did direct that certain other rates of British postage therein mentioned should be charged and taken upon the transmission of letters between the United Kingdom and certain foreign countries, therein also mentioned, if such respective letters should be prepaid, the

said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium by packet boat.

And whereas a further postal convention has been lately made and entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of His Majesty the King of Prussia, and it has become expedient, by reason thereof, to extend the provisions contained in the said recited Warrant of the 27th day of June, 1859, to letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis, now chargeable with rates of postage under the said recited Warrant of the 19th day of July, 1852, in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us, in and by the said two hereinbefore recited Acts, 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 and direct as follows:

1. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any place in the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis, and on every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis, addressed to any place in the United Kingdom (the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium by packet boat), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of British postage of two pence half penny, if such respective letters be prepaid, and, if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of three pence half penny.

2. And on every letter transmitted as is hereinbefore mentioned, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of postage, according to the scale of weight and number of rates following; that is to say:—

On every letter so transmitted, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

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

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

And on every letter so transmitted, exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken upon every letter so transmitted, two additional rates of postage, and every fraction of an ounce above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as an additional ounce, 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.

3. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis, or if any letter shall be posted in the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis, addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage paid thereon, shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such

letter would be liable, under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such letter shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the sum paid for postage thereon, and the rate of postage payable thereon under or by virtue of this Warrant as an unpaid letter, after deducting the amount of postage so paid thereon as aforesaid.

4. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters passing by the post between the United Kingdom and the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis via France, nor to any letters passing by the post between the United Kingdom and the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis via Belgium, sent otherwise than in Prussian closed mails; nor to any letters posted in, or addressed to, any part of the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis, and transmitted by the post between any part of the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, nor to any letters transmitted between any foreign country, through any part of the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis and the United Kingdom, nor to any letters transmitted between any foreign country, through any part of the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom and Belgium by packet-boat, all which said respective letters shall be charged, and chargeable with the same rates of postage as are now chargeable and payable thereon, and as if this present Warrant had not been made.

5. The term "Postal District of the Prince of Tour and Taxis," used in this Warrant, shall include the States and Countries of Frankfort on the Maine, the Grand Duchy of Hesse, Hesse Electoral, Hesse Homburg, Schaumburg Lippe, Lippe Detmold, Nassau, Reuss, Saxe Coburg-Gotha, Saxe-Meiningen, Saxe-Weimar, Eisenach, Hohenzollern, Schwartzburg, Rudolstadt, and Schwartzburg Sonderhausen, and the 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 recited Warrant of the 19th day of July, 1852.

6. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1862.

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

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the 25th day of March, 1862.

William Dunbar.
Luke White.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House, March 24, 1862.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of bounty awarded for the destruction of Pirates in the

China Seas, on the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th March, 1859, by Her Majesty's Ships Niger, Clown, and Janus.

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.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House, March 24, 1862.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of bounty awarded for destruction of 13 piratical junks and 3 vessels, re-captured on the 8th May, 1859, by Her Majesty's ship Slaney.

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."

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Cape of Good Hope Government Debentures.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice that the Loan raised in the London Market in November and February last, on behalf of the Government of the Cape of Good Hope, under the "General Purposes Act, No. 26, of 1861," was limited to £200,000, in Bonds of £100 each, bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum, numbered and maturing as follows, viz.,

Nos. 1A to 2000A, redeemable at this Office, on 1st December, 1873.

Penrose G. Julian, Agent-General for Crown Colonies.
Crown Colonies' Office, London,
27th March, 1862.