

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

1st Administrative Brigade of Argyllshire Artillery Volunteers.

Major-General John Campbell, C.B., to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 23rd July, 1863.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 24th instant.]

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

29th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Montague Barron to be Lieutenant, vice Upward, removed. Dated 17th July, 1863.

MEMORANDA.

32nd Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held in this Corps by Ensign Edward Frederick Davenish Walshe. Dated 21st July, 1863.

2nd Administrative Battalion of Hampshire Rifle Volunteers.

Adjutant Gordon to serve with the rank of Captain, from the 7th April, 1862. Dated 23rd July, 1863.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held by Lieutenant Francis Charteris Wemyss and Lieutenant Henry Edwards in the Royal Wiltshire Regiment of Militia.

1st or South Durham Regiment of Militia.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain John Russell Bowlby in this Regiment. Dated 1st July, 1863.

13th Hants Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Lieutenant Allan B. Heath. Dated 21st July, 1863.

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," certain scales of weight and rates of postage, were fixed and made, chargeable and payable, upon, for, or 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 whereas by the said 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 the said 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 may be payable are to be paid, and the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage, is extended to any increase or reduction or remission of postage.

And whereas by an 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," the provision fixing the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post in the first-mentioned Act is repealed; and in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an 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 shall 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, shall 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 prepaid, either in money or in stamps as he may think fit on the same, being put into the post office. And also with such consent to abolish or restrict the prepayment in money, of postage on letters sent by the post either altogether or on certain letters, and to require the prepayment 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 and enacted, that in all cases in which the British postage chargeable on any letters sent by the post, shall exceed the sum of one penny, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may by Warrant under their hands reduce such postage to any other rate of postage they may from time to time think fit. And also that the Postmaster-General may, if he shall 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, shall 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, shall from time to time direct; and it is also declared and enacted, that the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the Post Office, may detain any letters which shall 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 shall from time to time direct.

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 it is expedient that printed newspapers and packets consisting of books, publications or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial or foreign, and packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, should be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the several places hereinafter-mentioned, *viâ* France and by French packet-boat, at a combined British and foreign rate of postage, and that certain regulations should be made for that purpose, in the manner hereinafter-mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers or authority in us for that purpose vested, in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, 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. On every packet consisting of a printed newspaper, whether British, colonial, or foreign, not exceeding four ounces in weight, transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any port in the East Indies, Pondicherry, Ceylon, Mauritius, Reunion, Cochin China, or China, *viâ* France (the sea conveyance being by French packet-boat) there shall be charged, taken, and paid, a combined British, colonial, and foreign rate of postage of three pence.

2. On every packet consisting of a printed newspaper, whether British, colonial, or foreign, not exceeding four ounces in weight, transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any port in the British West Indies *viâ* France (the sea conveyance being by French packet boat) there shall be charged, taken, and paid a combined British, colonial, and foreign rate of postage of one penny.

3. On every packet consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, or consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or the colonial legislatures, not exceeding four ounces in weight, transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any port in the East Indies, Ceylon, Mauritius, or Hong Kong, *viâ* France (the sea conveyance being by French packet boat) there shall be charged, taken, and paid, a combined British, colonial, and foreign rate of postage of sixpence.

4. On every packet consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, or consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or the colonial legislatures, not exceeding four ounces in weight, transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any port in the British West Indies, *viâ* France (the sea conveyance being by French packet boat) there shall be charged, taken, and paid, a combined British, colonial, and foreign rate of postage of three pence.

5. All such respective packets as hereinbefore, in the first, second, third, and fourth clauses of this Warrant mentioned, if exceeding four ounces in weight, shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned and set forth (that is to say):—

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces 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, if exceeding one-half of a pound, 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 one-half of another pound in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such packet, 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 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.

6. For the purposes of this Warrant, every printed newspaper transmitted by the post under the first and second clauses of this Warrant, shall be deemed and considered a packet, and shall be charged and chargeable with a separate and distinct single rate, or separate and distinct progressive and additional rates of postage, according to the weight thereof, as hereinbefore mentioned, notwithstanding two or more newspapers shall be enclosed and transmitted in one, and the same cover, wrapper, envelope, or bundle, and form only one parcel or bundle of newspapers, and every printed supplement or additional sheet to any newspaper, shall, for the purpose of charging the postage under this Warrant, be deemed a distinct newspaper, unless sent in the same cover or together with the newspaper to which it is a supplement or addition.

7. Every packet transmitted by the post under the first and second clauses of this Warrant, shall be 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.

8. Every packet transmitted by the post under the first, second, third, and fourth clauses of this Warrant, shall be subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter contained (that is to say):—

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 the United Kingdom addressed to the East Indies, or posted in the East Indies addressed to the United Kingdom, 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 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, bookmarkers (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. 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, nor of 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 communication in the nature of a letter, nor of any packet consisting of or containing any photographs, drawings, prints, or other contents which may be obviously of an obscene character, nor of any packet comprising prints or printed matter, unless such prints or printed matter shall consist only of prints or printed matter on paper, parchment, or vellum.

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 enclosure 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 writing, figures, or manual marks whatsoever, of any description upon any such packet, or on the cover or envelope thereof not

authorized by this Warrant, except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent, but the name or title of any newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, newsvender, or agent by whom the same is sent may be printed on the cover thereof, and any other packet not being a newspaper, may have any matter or thing printed on the cover thereof.

9. 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 being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet, near the address or direction, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon under or by virtue of this Warrant, unless any such packet be 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, in which case the same shall be forwarded post paid, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such postage account.

10. 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.

11. If any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be sent otherwise than in conformity with the several regulations, orders, directions and conditions hereinbefore in the 7th and 8th clauses of this Warrant contained, every such packet shall and may be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster-General, 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, at the option of the Postmaster-General, be either free of postage, or be charged with any rate of postage he may think fit, not exceeding the postage to which it would have been liable as a letter, and such postage may be either paid by the sender, or be charged by the person to whom the packet shall be forwarded.

12. 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 enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, every such letter, or communication, or enclosure 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.

13. If any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the 3rd and 4th clauses of this Warrant (any such packet 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, having thereon or affixed thereto a stamp or stamps, the value of which 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 last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps so being thereon or 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 in the United Kingdom, having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the single rate of postage chargeable under this Warrant, or if any packet sent or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant (any such packet 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, without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp; every such respective packet shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, 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 exceeding in length, or breadth, or width the dimensions of two feet.

14. If any packet, sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the 3rd and 4th clauses of this Warrant, shall be posted in the East Indies, Ceylon, Mauritius, Hong Kong, or the British West Indies, 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 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 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 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 destina-

tion. 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.

15. The respective 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 redirected and again forwarded by the post.

16. 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, Cochin China, Ceylon, Mauritius, Java, Borneo, and Australia excepted); and the term "British West Indies," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to mean and include the following colonies and places and their respective dependencies, that is to say: Antigua, Bahamas, Barbadoes, Bermuda, Berbice, Carriacou, Demerara, Dominica, Grenada, Honduras, Jamaica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Tobago, Tortola, Trinidad, and Turks Islands, 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 present Majesty.

17. In all cases in which any questions shall hereafter arise, whether any article, matter or thing, transmitted by the post under this Warrant is entitled to the book post privilege, and to be so transmitted within the intent and meaning of this Warrant, such question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General, whose decision thereupon shall be final.

18. 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.

19. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of August next.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-fifth day of July, 1863.

Luke White
Wm. Dunbar.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ACT BY PAIGNTON,
DEVONSHIRE.

WHEREAS the Local Government Act, 1858, has been adopted by the Owners and Ratepayers of the Parish of Paignton, in the county of Devon. And whereas notice of such adoption has been duly given as required by such Act, and no appeal has been made and all the requirements of that Act have been duly complied with.

Now, therefore, I, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby give notice,