

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kincardine.**1st Kincardineshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Ensign John Milne to be Lieutenant. Dated 19th August, 1863.

John Thorn to be Ensign, vice Milne, promoted. Dated 19th August, 1863.

3rd Kincardineshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

David Alexander Pearson to be Captain, vice Farrel, resigned. Dated 10th August, 1863.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, and of the City and County of the City of Norwich.**1st Norfolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Ensign Donald Steward to be Lieutenant. Dated 21st August, 1863.

Francis Gostling Foster to be Ensign. Dated 21st August, 1863.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Ensign Alfred Maurice Church in the 5th Worcestershire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Worcester.**5th Worcestershire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

George Nichols Marcy, Gent., to be Ensign.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Nottingham.**Robin Hood Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

The Honourable Henry Strutt to be Major. Dated 21st August, 1863.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.**2nd Cinque Ports Artillery Volunteer Corps.*

Second Lieutenant Walter Henry James to be First Lieutenant, vice Boys, resigned. Dated 24th August, 1863.

Richard Joynes Emmerson, Esq., to be Second Lieutenant, vice James, promoted. Dated 24th August, 1863.

The Reverend Charles Carus Wilson to be Honorary Chaplain. Dated 24th August, 1863.

3rd Cinque Ports Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Thomas Edward Mason, Esq., M.D., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, vice Roberts, resigned. Dated 24th August, 1863.

2nd Cinque Ports Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Thomas Lake Rainmell, Esq., to be Ensign, vice Walmsley, resigned. Dated 24th August, 1863.

MEMORANDA.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of the Appointment of First Lieutenant John Clarke to be Supernumerary Lieutenant, in the 1st B. Cinque Ports Artillery Volunteer Corps.

(This Appointment is sanctioned on condition of Mr. Clarke's acting as Quartermaster to the 1st Administrative Brigade of Cinque Ports Artillery Volunteers).

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by First Lieutenant Morris Bowles Thompson in the 3rd Cinque Ports Artillery Volunteer Corps.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Renfrew.**1st Administrative Brigade of Renfrewshire Artillery Volunteers.*

Captain John Scott to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 22nd August, 1863.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Dumfries.**2nd Company Dumfriesshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

John Smith to be Ensign, vice William Smith, resigned. Dated 31st July, 1863.

MEMORANDA.

Royal North Gloucestershire Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant Samuel Bomford has been duly appointed Instructor of Musketry to the Regiment. Dated 29th June, 1863.

The 20th Essex Rifle Volunteer Corps has been united to the 1st Administrative Battalion of Essex Rifle Volunteers.

The 1st Buteshire Rifle Volunteer Corps has been united to, and will form part of, the 1st Administrative Battalion of Renfrewshire Rifle Volunteers.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Ensign James Hall in the 17th Aberdeenshire Rifle Volunteer Corps. Dated 18th August, 1863.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held by Ensign Edwin Cannington in the 1st Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps, and Captain Francis Philip Rickards in the 1st Manchester or 6th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

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 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 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 "An Act to amend the laws relating to the Stamp Duties or Newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications."

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant in writing under their hands, relating to the transmission by the post of (amongst other things) letters by British packet-boat, between the United Kingdom and Hayti, and between a port in Hayti and any other port, whether in Hayti or any other country, island, or place, without passing through the United Kingdom, and bearing date the 27th day of November, 1858, did fix certain rates and make and give certain orders, directions, and regulations relating to the transmission of such letters by the post.

And whereas it is expedient that the rates of postage upon letters, now payable under the said recited Warrant, should be altered, and that certain other rates should be made and fixed, and for that purpose that so much of the said Warrant as relates to the letters hereinbefore mentioned should be repealed.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts, and every 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 letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Hayti, and on every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight posted in Hayti addressed to the United Kingdom, transmitted direct by British packet-boat between the United Kingdom and Hayti, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of one shilling.

2. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight posted in or addressed to any part of Hayti transmitted by the post between any port in Hayti and any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (the conveyance between Hayti and the United Kingdom being direct by British packet-boat) there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of postage now chargeable on such letters a like rate of postage of one shilling for the conveyance of every such letter between Hayti and any part of the United Kingdom; and for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet-boat or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same, and the British colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet-boat or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same and transmitted between such port and any such colony or foreign country, provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted therefrom the sum of one penny, in respect of the

inland conveyance under this clause of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

3. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight transmitted by British packet-boat between a port in Hayti and any port on the Western Coast of South America and conveyed via any port in New Granada without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of one shilling and four pence.

4. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight transmitted by British packet-boat between a port in Hayti and any other port, whether in Hayti or in any other country, island, or place (except any port in the United Kingdom or on the Western Coast of South America), without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of four pence.

5. All such letters so transmitted as hereinbefore in the first, second, third, and fourth clauses of this Warrant mentioned, if exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

On every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage.

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding one ounce and one-half of another ounce in weight, three rates of postage.

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one ounce and one half of another ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every additional half of an ounce in weight of any letter so transmitted respectively as aforesaid above the weight of two ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid one additional rate of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of an ounce in weight shall be charged as an additional half 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-half of an ounce in weight.

6. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by or under the said hereinbefore recited Acts, or either of them, or by or under any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post Office, or any of the privileges which officers, seamen, and soldiers, employed in Her Majesty's Service, are by law entitled to, of sending and receiving by the post, letters subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

7. On every packet consisting of a printed newspaper not exceeding four ounces in weight, transmitted by British packet-boat between a port in Hayti and any port on the western coast of South America, and conveyed via any port in New Granada without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of four pence.

8. On every packet consisting of a printed newspaper not exceeding four ounces in weight, transmitted by British packet-boat between a port in Hayti and any other port, whether in Hayti or in any other country, island, or place (except

any port in the United Kingdom or on the western coast of South America), without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of one penny.

9. On every packet consisting of printed papers (other than printed newspapers), not exceeding four ounces in weight, transmitted by British packet-boat between a port in Hayti and any other port, whether in Hayti or in any other country, island, or place (except any port in the United Kingdom or on the western coast of South America), without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of one penny.

10. All such respective packets as hereinbefore, in the seventh, eighth, and ninth 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 (that is to say);

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, two rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces in weight, 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 the half of another pound in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and the 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.

11. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth clauses of this Warrant shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter contained; that is to say:—

Every such packet shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides.

The term "printed papers" in this Warrant used, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, mean and comprise any number of separate books or other publications, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment, or vellum, and the books or other publications, prints, or maps may be either printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three, and all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, publication, print, or map, or of a portion thereof, whether such binding, mounting, or covering be loose or attached, as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, and whatsoever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter, or usually appertains thereto; but no patterns or books of patterns (unless consisting merely of paper) shall be allowed.

No such packet shall contain any written letter or any communication in the nature of a letter, closed or open, nor any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any communication of the nature of a letter written in or upon any such packet or the cover thereof.

No such packet which in length, or width, or depth, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet (British), shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

There shall be no word or communication printed on any newspaper transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon any such newspaper, or upon any cover thereof, other than and except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent, but the name or title of such newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, newsvendor, or agent by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof.

There shall be no paper or thing enclosed in or with any newspaper.

12. The postage of every letter transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, and posted in the United Kingdom, shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by the proper postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such letter, 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; and the postage of every packet consisting of a printed newspaper or printed papers, transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, and posted in Hayti, shall also be paid at the time of the same being posted.

13. If any letter or packet consisting of a printed newspaper or printed papers, transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, be sent otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations hereinbefore established, the same shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof.

14. The respective letters and packets consisting of a printed newspaper or printed papers, 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.

15. The term "weight," used in this Warrant, shall mean British weight, 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.

16. The several rates of postage on letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Hayti, or posted in Hayti addressed to the United Kingdom, transmitted direct by British packet-boat between the United Kingdom and Hayti, and on letters transmitted by British packet-boat between a port in Hayti and any other port, whether in

Hayti or any other country, island, or place, without passing through the United Kingdom, payable under or by virtue of a certain Warrant, bearing date the 27th day of November 1858, relating to Hayti, together with so much of the said Warrant as relates to the said rates of postage, and the regulations therein contained affecting the same shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

17. 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.

18. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of September next.

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

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen.
William Dunbar.

Whitehall, June 29, 1863.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed John Fenwick, of North Shields, in the county of Northumberland, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

Whitehall, July 21, 1863.

The Right Honourable Sir William Erle, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed Edward Martin Wright, of Bacup, in the county of Lancaster, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Lancaster.

EXCHEQUER BILLS.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice to the holders of Exchequer Bills issued under the authority of the Act 24 Vic., c. 5, and dated the 11th March, 1862, that the interest thereon for the half-year ending on the 11th September, 1863, will be payable at the Bank of England, on and after the 11th September next; and that the interest of such Exchequer Bills for the following half-year, to March, 1864, will be at the rate of two pounds and fifteen shillings per centum per annum.

Treasury-chambers, Whitehall,
28th August, 1863.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 36.)—EAST INDIES—COAST OF SIND.

Kurrachee Harbour.

Information has been received at the Admiralty, and is hereby made known for the benefit of seamen, that although the works in progress for the improvement of Kurrachee Harbour are producing good effects likely to lead ultimately to an easier access to that harbour from sea, and have deepened the bar by 4 to 6 feet, yet that until those works are finally completed, which may not be for another year or even more, it is not unlikely that a less

depth by one foot will be found in either of the channels at the entrance of the harbour.

Mariners will take notice accordingly.

CEYLON, SOUTH COAST.

Light Vessel at the Little Bassas Reef.

Information has also been received at the Admiralty, that on and after the 1st day of June, 1863, a light would be exhibited, between the hours of sunset and sunrise, from a light vessel moored inside the Little Bassas Reef, the centre rocks of the reef bearing S. by W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W., distant about one-third of a mile.

The light is a *flashing* white light, at intervals of *one minute and a half*. It is 33 feet above the sea, and to a ship within 7 miles of it, in fine weather, the light will not entirely disappear; but it is visible from a ship's deck 18 feet above water at the distance of 11 miles.

[*All Bearings are Magnetic. Variation at Little Bassas 0° 45' E. in 1863.*]

By command of their Lordships,

John Washington, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
18th August, 1863.

This Notice will affect the following Admiralty Charts:—Indian Ocean, Nos. 748a, 748b, 2483; and Ceylon, South Coast, No. 813. Also, East Indies Lights List, No. 54.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House, August 26, 1863.

NOTICE is hereby given, to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of the tonnage bounty and net proceeds of a slave brig, name unknown, captured on the 4th March, 1862, by Her Majesty's ship "Torch," will commence on Thursday, the 3rd proximo, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House."

Agents and 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 of any captor, serving in the above-named ships, are requested to present the same at this office.

Any Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other person, who may desire to receive his share from the Collector of Customs or of Inland Revenue within the United Kingdom, is required to intimate the same by letter to be addressed "On Prize Business, to the Secretary of the Admiralty, London," (enclosing his certificate of service or an attested copy thereof, excepting in the case of Commissioned Officers),—in which letter his own place of residence is to be precisely stated, as well as the place of the nearest Collector of Customs, or of Inland Revenue, from whom it would be convenient to receive such share of prize money.

The following are the shares due to an individual in the several classes:—

	£	s.	d.
Flag Share	60	9	6
Commander	143	12	9
Third class	68	3	4
Fourth class	43	16	6
Fifth class	24	6	11
Sixth class	21	18	3
Seventh class	14	12	3
Eighth class	7	6	1
Ninth class	4	17	4
Tenth class	2	8	8