

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

4th Forfarshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Second Lieutenant James Stewart Lithgow to be First Lieutenant, vice James, removed. Dated 12th November, 1863.

Second Lieutenant James Robert Balfour to be First Lieutenant, vice Ramsay, resigned. Dated 12th November, 1863.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Ensign John Cobb in the 2nd Norfolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, and of the City and County of the City of Norwich.

24th Norfolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.

The Reverend James Murray to be Honorary Chaplain. Dated 12th November, 1863.

Edward Meade, M.D., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 12th November, 1863.

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

2nd Administrative Battalion of Cornwall Rifle Volunteers.

Edward William Brydges Wiliams to be Major. Dated 31st October, 1863.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held by Ensign C. A. Morris and Honorary Assistant-Surgeon J. B. Christie in the 2nd Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteer Corps. Dated 10th November, 1863.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.

2nd Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Captain Joseph D'Aquilar Samuda to be Major. Dated 10th November, 1863.

Thomas Beatts Christie to be Captain. Dated 10th November, 1863.

Ensign Richard Moates Souther to be Lieutenant. Dated 10th November, 1863.

James De la Mare to be Ensign. Dated 10th November, 1863.

Commission signed by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

1st B Cinque Ports Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Second Lieutenant Frederick Jeffrey to be First Lieutenant, vice Clark, appointed to the 1st Administrative Brigade Cinque Ports Artillery Volunteers. Dated 13th November, 1863.

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

1st Administrative Battalion of Warwickshire Rifle Volunteers.

Captain John Machen, late Captain South Devon Militia, to be Major. Dated 14th November, 1863.

MEMORANDUM.

Captain Machen retains the command of the 10th Warwickshire (Leamington) Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Commission signed by the Vice Lieutenant of the East Riding of the County of York, and the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull.

East York Rifle Volunteers.

1st Corps (Hull).

Thomas Palmer, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 13th November, 1863.

MEMORANDA.

West Suffolk Militia.

The Secretary of State for War approves of Captain William Windsor Parker, of the West Suffolk Militia, being appointed to act as Musketry Instructor, under the provisions of the Circular dated 30th April, 1862. Dated 16th October, 1863.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of Captain John Hotchkis bearing the designation of Captain Commandant of the 3rd Brecknockshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held by the following Officers; viz.:

Honorary Assistant-Surgeon Nicholas Kenrick Marsh in the 1st Lancashire Artillery Volunteer Corps;

First Lieutenant Henry Browne Kelly and Second Lieutenant William Johnson in the 4th Lancashire Artillery Volunteer Corps;

Lieutenant James Hardcastle Knowles in the 27th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps; and

Lieutenant John Higson Johnston in the 80th 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 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 on newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications."

And whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the letters and packets hereinafter mentioned.

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 quarter of an ounce in weight, transmitted from Malta to Corfu, or from Corfu to Malta, in closed mails, *viâ* Italy (the sea conveyance being by Italian mail-packet boats), there shall be charged and taken a combined British and foreign rate of postage of four pence, if such postage be paid either in money or by postage stamps, at the time of the letter being posted, and, if not, a combined British and foreign rate of postage of sixpence.

2. On every letter transmitted as is hereinbefore in this Warrant mentioned, exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid 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 quarter of an ounce and not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

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

And on every letter so transmitted exceeding three quarters of an ounce and not exceeding one ounce in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every additional quarter of an ounce in weight of any letter so transmitted above the weight of one ounce, there shall be charged, taken, and paid one additional rate of postage, and every fractional part of such additional quarter of an 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.

3. Registered letters may be transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, upon the payment of such additional charge or rates of postage, or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct or appoint. Provided that all rates of postage and additional charges or rates from time to time payable thereupon shall be prepaid, and that no payment shall be made thereupon on the delivery of any such registered letters.

4. 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 letters by the post, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

5. On every packet consisting of printed newspapers, whether British, colonial, or foreign, or consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, not exceeding two ounces in weight, transmitted from Malta to Corfu in closed mails, *viâ* Italy (the sea conveyance being by Italian mail packet boats), there shall be charged and

taken a combined British and foreign rate of postage of two pence.

6. On every packet transmitted as is hereinbefore in the fifth clause of this Warrant mentioned, exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates following; that is to say:—

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

On every such packet exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, four rates of postage.

On every such packet exceeding one half of a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight, eight rates of postage.

On every such packet exceeding one pound, and not exceeding one pound and the half of another pound in weight, twelve 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, sixteen 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, four 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 two ounces in weight.

7. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the 5th and 6th 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:—

No 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.

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, engraved, or lithographed matter (although not strictly literary), including printed books, printed publications or compilations, almanacks, printed or lithographed letters, and such artistic productions, as prints, printed maps (whether on paper or canvas or cloth), and photographs when not on glass or in frames containing glass, together with any binding, mounting, or covering of, or upon, or belonging to any such article or production or any portion thereof, 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, 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, unless such patterns consist merely of paper, 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 a 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.

Every packet 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 or marks of any description upon any such packet, or on the cover or envelope thereof, 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, newsvendor, 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.

Upon every packet transmitted by the post under the fifth and sixth clauses 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.

8. If any packet transmitted by the post, under the fifth and sixth clauses of this Warrant, be sent by the post otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations established by or under the authority of this Warrant, the same shall 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 the same shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination, and any such packet, on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with any rates of postage the Postmaster-General may think fit, not exceeding the rates that would be chargeable on such packet as an unpaid letter.

9. The respective letters and 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.

10. The several 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.

11. 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 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.

12. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1864.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 11th day of November, 1863.

Wm. Dunbar.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen.

Whitehall, November 9, 1863.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed George Roger Longden, of No. 1, Bennett's-hill, Doctors'-commons, City, Gentleman; to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH.

Michaelmas Term, 27th Victoria,
17th November, 1863.

This Court will, on Thursday, the 26th, and on Friday, the 27th, days of November instant, hold sittings, and will proceed in disposing of the cases in the new trial, special, and Crown papers, and any other matters then pending, and will also give judgment in cases then standing for judgment.

By the Court.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 51.)—ENGLAND—EAST COAST.

Lights at Dovercourt, Harwich.

THE Corporation of the Trinity House, London, has given Notice, that on and after the 2nd day of November, 1863, lights would be exhibited from two lighthouses recently erected at Dovercourt, on the west side of entrance to Harwich Harbour.

The lights are fixed white lights. The high light is placed at an elevation of 45 feet above the level of high water, and should be seen when bearing from N. by E. northerly, round by north to W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N.

The low light is placed at an elevation of 27 feet above the level of high water, and should be seen between the bearings of N.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W. and W.N.W.

The two lights seen in line one above the other bearing N.W. by W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W. lead between the inner Ridge and the Andrews buoys.

The light at Landguard point changes, as heretofore, from red to white at the beach end buoy;