

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of the County of York.

15th North Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign George Smurthwaite to be Lieutenant. Dated 5th December, 1863.
Edward Mason to be Ensign. Dated 5th December, 1863.

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

1st Administrative Battalion of Monmouthshire Rifle Volunteers.

Thomas Phillipotts, Esq., to be Major. Dated 21st December, 1863.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Bristol.

1st Gloucestershire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Henry Cooke, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant, vice Beatty, resigned. Dated 21st December, 1863.

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

1st Pembrokeshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

George Chater to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon

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

20th Norfolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Alfred John Edward Bowyer Smijth to be Captain. Dated 21st December, 1863.

Ensign George Fairfax Francklin to be Lieutenant. Dated 21st December, 1863.

Arthur F. Clowes to be Ensign. Dated 21st December, 1863.

The Reverend John Cholmeley to be Honorary Chaplain. Dated 21st December, 1863.

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

32nd Staffordshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Alfred Young to be Lieutenant, vice W. H. Tudor, resigned. Dated 17th December, 1863.

Henry Morson, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Young, promoted. Dated 17th December, 1863.

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

20th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

John Rogers to be Captain, vice Pearson, resigned. Dated 7th December, 1863.

33rd Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign William Alexander Hall to be Lieutenant, vice Hill, promoted. Dated 7th December, 1863.

MEMORANDUM.

20th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held in this Corps by Captain Augustus Copeland Tracey and Lieutenant Dowdeswell John Ellis Tracey. Dated 17th December, 1863.

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

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

1st Middlesex Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Robert Keirle to be First Lieutenant, vice Hendrey, promoted. Dated 10th November, 1863.

MEMORANDA.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held by Ensign John Blackwell in the 16th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps; and Captain J. M. Lingard in the 29th Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps. Dated 19th December, 1863.

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

Captain Luke Hall Kirby in the 6th Lancashire Artillery Volunteer Corps;

Lieutenant Thomas Leach in the 24th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps;

Captain James Dowie and Lieutenant Alfred Hartley in the 25th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps; and

supernumerary Lieutenant John Thorley Threlfall in the 47th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

The 6th Lancashire Artillery Volunteer Corps having been struck off the records of the War Office will henceforth cease to hold any number or designation in the Volunteer Force of the county of Lancaster.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 96, 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 were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act of Parliament, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 85, 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, bearing date at Whitehall Treasury-chambers the 15th day of January, 1858, in exercise of the powers reserved to them, in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, and every of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did order, direct, and declare (amongst other things) that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art whether British, colonial, or foreign, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Sardinia, or posted in Malta, addressed to Sardinia,

might be so respectively transmitted, subject to the several rates of postage and regulations therein contained. And the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did further order, direct, and declare, that the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, might by Warrant under their hands, or the hands of any two of them, at any time thereafter, alter, repeal, or revoke, any of the rates of postage, thereby fixed or altered, or any of the orders, directions, and conditions thereby made, and might 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 might be payable were to be paid.

And whereas it is expedient to extend the privileges granted by the said recited Warrant of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the said 15th day of January, 1858, and to authorize the transmission by the post from the United Kingdom to Italy, and from Malta to Italy of certain other packets, and for that purpose to make certain further and other regulations in the manner 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 of Parliament, 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 and direct as follows; that is to say:—

1. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Italy, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Italy, in closed mails via France, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid the uniform single rate of postage of four pence.

And 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, there shall be charged, taken, and paid 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, there shall be charged, taken, and paid 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, there shall be charged, taken, and paid 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.

2. All packets, consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, of no intrinsic value, posted in Malta addressed to Italy, may be transmitted by the post from Malta to Italy by French or by Italian mail-packet boats, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid the uniform single rate of postage of two pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding two ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged taken, and paid two rates of postage.

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

And on every such packet, if exceeding one half of a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight eight 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 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.

3. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority 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:—

4. No such packet, which in length, or breadth, or width shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

5. No pattern or sample, being of any intrinsic value, or being an article or thing of a saleable nature, or having a value of its own apart from its mere use as a pattern or sample, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

6. There shall be no enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure, not authorised by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.

7. There shall be no writing or marks of any description in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, a trade-mark, and number and price.

8. All such packets shall be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Nevertheless, samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen or of other material, which shall be tied at the neck with string; but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for that purpose.

9. Every such packet posted in the United Kingdom shall be put into the Post Office at such hours in the day, and under all such regulations, as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

10. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in the United Kingdom, shall in every case 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.

11. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in Malta, shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted.

12. If any packet transmitted by the post under the provisions 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 and may be detained and opened, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be either returned or be 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.

13. In order to prevent any obstacle 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, for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be dispatched in due course of the post, whenever it may be necessary so to do, or (at his option) until the dispatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

14. The several 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, 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, so far as the same are applicable to such packets.

15. The 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 4th year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 96.

16. 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, revoke, or modify any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time may appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

17. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-second day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

Wm. Dunbar.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen.

Whitehall, December 12, 1863.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed James Abert Freeman, of Brighton, in the county of Sussex, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 60.)—MEDITERRANEAN—SOUTH-EAST COAST OF SPAIN.

Fixed and Flashing Light at Rosas.

THE Minister of Marine at Madrid has given notice, that on and after the 1st day of February, 1864, a light will be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on Poncella point, at the east side of entrance to Rosas bay, in the province of Gerona.

The light will be a *fixed* white light, varied by a *flash* every *two* minutes. It will be placed at an elevation of 78 feet above the mean level of the sea, and should be seen in clear weather from a distance of 12 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the fourth order.

The tower is round, 37 feet high, coloured gray with red bands, and a dark green lantern. It rises from the middle of the keeper's dwelling, 42 yards from the sea, and one mile S. $\frac{3}{4}$ W. from the centre of the town of Rosas, in lat. 42° 14' N., long. 3° 10' 45' East of Greenwich.

Fixed Light at Cadaques.

Also, that on and after the 1st day of February, 1864, a light will be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on Calanans point, at the south side of the entrance to port Cadaques, in the province of Gerona.

The light will be a *fixed* white light, placed at an elevation of 116 feet above the mean level of the sea, and should be seen in clear weather from a distance of 10 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the sixth order.

The tower is round, 24 feet high, coloured gray, with a red lantern. It is about 30 yards from the sea, in lat. 42° 15' 30" N., long. 3° 17' 14" East of Greenwich.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation 17° 35' West in 1865.]

By command of their Lordships,

A. B. Becher, Capt. R.N.

For the Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
17th December, 1863.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—France, South Coast, No. 2603, Mediterranean, Sheet 1, No. 2718 *a*, and Mediterranean Sea, No. 2158.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 61.)—NORTH ATLANTIC—NORTH COAST OF SPAIN.

Fixed and Flashing Light on Pescador Point.

THE Minister of Marine at Madrid has given notice, that on and after the 1st day of February, 1864, a light will be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on Pescador point, the