

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

Royal Denbigh Rifle Regiment of Militia.

Francis Henry Barker, Gent., to be Lieutenant.
Dated 26th April, 1864.

[The following Appointments are substituted for those which appeared in the Gazette of the 19th ultimo.]

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

4th Suffolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Charles Childs, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 29th March, 1864.

Herbert James Hartcup, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Millard, promoted. Dated 28th March, 1864.

MEMORANDA.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Lieutenant E. M. Rogers in the West Suffolk Regiment of Militia. Dated 27th April, 1864.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of the conversion of the 2nd Pembroke-shire Rifle Volunteer Corps into the 2nd Pembroke-shire Artillery Volunteer Corps; and that Captain Edgecumbe Chevallier and Ensign George Whitley Dunn have been respectively considered to have received Commissions as Captain and Second Lieutenant in the 2nd Pembroke-shire Artillery Volunteer Corps of the same date as those which they held in the 2nd Pembroke-shire 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" 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 such 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 further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury 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."

And whereas it is expedient that packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, should be transmitted by the post between Egypt and the East Indies, Ceylon, Mauritius, Labuan, China, Hong Kong, Australia, and New Zealand, by British packet boat, and that certain rates should be fixed and regulations 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 books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, not exceeding four ounces in weight, transmitted by the post between Egypt and any port in the East Indies, Ceylon, Mauritius, Labuan, China, Hong Kong, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia, or New Zealand, direct by British packet boat, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, a British rate of postage of fourpence.

2. All such respective packets as hereinbefore in 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.

3. Every packet transmitted by the post under 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 Egypt addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales 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, book-markers (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 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 inclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other inclosure not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet, nor shall there be any written letter, or any written communication in the nature of a letter, in or upon any such packet, or on the cover or envelope thereof.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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 3rd clause of this Warrant contained every such packet shall, and may be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster-General shall (except in the cases provided for by the clause next hereinafter contained) 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 shall be either paid by the sender, or by the person to whom the packet shall be forwarded.

7. 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 inclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other inclosure not authorized by this Warrant, every such letter or communication or inclosure may be taken out by any officer of the Post-Office, and either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be 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.

8. If any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon, or without having thereon, or affixed thereto, any postage stamp, or with a postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which shall represent a less amount than the postage chargeable under this Warrant, every such packet shall, and may be detained and opened, and shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof.

9. The term "East Indies" used in this Warrant shall be construed to mean every port or

place in Her Majesty's dominions in Asia (Hong Kong, Ceylon, Mauritius, Labuan, and Australia excepted), 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.

10. 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.

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 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.

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Wm. Dunbar.
E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

WHEREAS a Resolution for the adoption of the Local Government Act, 1858, has been passed by the parish of Gulval, in the county of Cornwall, the said parish being a place with a population of less than 3,000 by the last census. And whereas it does not appear to me, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, that by reason of special circumstances, it is expedient that the said parish should be allowed to adopt the said Act, I do hereby disapprove of such adoption by the parish of Gulval aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 4th day of May, 1864.

(Signed) G. Grey.
Home Office, Whitehall.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 16.)—NORTH ATLANTIC—NORTH COAST OF SPAIN.

Fixed Light on San Ciprian Peninsula.

The Minister of Marine at Madrid has given notice, that on and after the 30th day of May, 1864, a light will be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on the height over punta de la Atalaya, the north extreme of San Ciprian peninsula, on the north coast of Spain.

The light will be a *fixed white* light, at an elevation of 121 feet above the mean level of the sea, and should be seen in clear weather from a distance of 9 miles.

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

The tower is 30 feet high, slightly conical, of a light gray-coloured granite, and surmounted

by a white lantern. It stands in the middle of the north front of the keeper's dwelling, in lat. 43° 43' N., long. 7° 28' 31" West of Greenwich.

Fixed Light on Conejera Island.

Also, that on and after the 30th day of May, 1864, a light will be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on the highest part of Conejera island, at the mouth of the inlet of Barquera, on the north coast of Spain.

The light will be a *fixed white* light, at an elevation of 273 feet above the level of the sea, and should be seen in clear weather from a distance of 9 miles.

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

The tower is 24 feet high, slightly conical, of light gray-coloured granite, and surmounted by a white lantern. It stands in front of the keeper's dwelling, in lat. 43° 45' 36" N., long. 7° 40' 16" West of Greenwich.

By command of their Lordships,

Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
22nd April, 1864.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Spain, North Coast, No. 2728; Eastern part of North Atlantic, No. 2090; River Thames to Mediterranean, No. 1; and Plan of the Entrance to Barquera, No. 77.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 17.)—MEDITERRANEAN—SOUTH COAST OF SPAIN.

Fixed Red Light on Escombrera Island, Cartagena.

The Minister of Marine at Madrid has given Notice that on and after the 30th day of May, 1864, a light will be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected at Escombrera Island, at the entrance to Cartagena harbour, south coast of Spain.

The light will be a *fixed red* light, at an elevation of 223 feet above the mean level of the sea, and should be seen in clear weather from a distance of 4 miles.

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

The tower is 30 feet high, round, white, surmounted by a white lantern, and rises from the centre of the keeper's dwelling. It stands on the highest part of the island, in lat. 37° 33' 30" N., long. 0° 57' 56" West of Greenwich.

By command of their Lordships,

Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
22nd April, 1864.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Mediterranean Sea, Nos. 2158, 2718 a; Spain, South Coast, Sheet 1, No. 1186; and Cartagena Harbour, No. 1194.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 18.) NORTH SEA—COAST OF BELGIUM.

Light Vessel near the south-west end of West Hinder Bank.

THE Belgian Government has given notice, that on and after the 4th day of April, 1864, a light vessel would be placed near the south-west