

By Order of the Vice Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

1st Regiment of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Militia.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Every Clayton; and in consideration of his long services to approve of his retaining his rank and wearing his uniform. Dated 9th May, 1864.

6th Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held by Captain John Robert Buchanan and Lieutenant Henry Richards. Dated 11th May, 1864.

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, 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 Malta and Gibraltar and Egypt, by British packet boat, and that certain rates should be fixed and certain 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. All packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, posted in Malta or Gibraltar, addressed to Egypt, or posted in Egypt addressed to Malta or Gibraltar, may be transmitted by the post between Malta and Gibraltar and Egypt by British packet boat, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

On every such packet so transmitted, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken and paid, an uniform British rate of postage of three pence.

And on every such packet exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows, that is to say;

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

2. Every packet 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:—

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.

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 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, 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 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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 2nd 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.

6. 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 authorised 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.

7. 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 in Malta or Gibraltar 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.

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 in Egypt, and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, 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, or postage 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 Egypt 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 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 destination. And every such last mentioned 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 if the postage had been paid when posted, and such postage shall be either paid by the sender, or by the person to whom such packet shall be forwarded.

9. 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.

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 July, 1864.

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

Wm. Dunbar.
Luke White.

PROVISIONAL ORDERS.

Cerne Abbas Turnpike Road.

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Cerne Abbas Turnpike Road, acting under the powers of the Local Act of the 5th of George the Fourth, cap. 30, have made application to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Act of the Session holden in the 14th and 15th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, cap. 38, and the Act of the 24th and 25th of Victoria, cap. 46, section 2, for a Provisional Order to reduce the rate of interest on the mortgage debt charged or secured on the tolls or revenues of the said road;

And whereas the said application is dated the twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and is signed by three of the said trustees, who therein certify that the persons entitled to two-thirds of the money charged or secured on the tolls of the said road and remaining unpaid, have signified their consents in writing under their hands to the said application;

And whereas it appears desirable to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department that the aforesaid application should be granted upon the terms herein set forth;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the power and authority of the said Act of the 14th and 15th of Victoria, cap. 38, given to me, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and in conformity with the said application, I do by this Provisional Order under my hand declare,—subject to the confirmation hereof by Parliament,—that from the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, the rate of interest shall be reduced from two pounds ten shillings to one pound ten shillings per centum per annum upon the bonded or mortgage debt of four thousand two hundred and sixty-four pounds three shillings and four pence, charged or secured upon the tolls or revenues of the said road.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

(Signed) *G. Grey.*

Whitehall, March 24, 1864.

Bicester and Aynhoe and Finmere Branch Turnpike Road.

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Bicester and Aynhoe and Finmere Branch Turnpike Road, acting under the powers of the Local Act of the 53rd of George the Third, cap. 200, have made application to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Act of the Session holden in the 14th and 15th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, cap. 38, and the Act of the 24th and 25th of Victoria, cap. 46, section 2, for a Provisional Order to reduce the rate of interest on the mortgage debt charged or secured on the tolls or revenues of the said road;

And whereas the said application is dated the seventeenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and is signed by three of the said trustees, who therein certify that the persons entitled to more than two-thirds of the money charged or secured on the tolls of the said road and remaining unpaid, have signified their consents in writing under their hands to the said application;

And whereas it appears desirable to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department that the aforesaid application should be granted upon the terms herein set forth;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the power and authority of the said Act of the 14th and 15th of Victoria, cap. 38, given to me, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and in conformity with the said application, I do by this Provisional Order under my hand declare,—subject to the confirmation hereof by Parliament,—that from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, the rate of interest shall be reduced from five pounds to four pounds per centum per annum upon the bonded or mortgage debt of two thousand one hundred and fifteen pounds, charged or secured upon the tolls or revenues of the said road.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

(Signed) *G. Grey.*

Whitehall, April 4, 1864.

Bromham and Olney Turnpike Road.

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Bromham and Olney Turnpike Road, acting under the powers of the Local Act of the 2nd of William the Fourth, cap. 18, have made application to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Act of the Session holden in the 14th and 15th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, cap. 38, and the Act of the 24th and 25th of Victoria, cap. 46, section 2, for a Provisional Order to reduce the