

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.*

*4th Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Sir Henry de Hoghton, Bart., to be Honorary Colonel. Dated 21st December, 1864.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Southampton.*

*3rd Hampshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.*

Major William Morrison Richards to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 29th December, 1864.

Henry Woods to be Major, vice Richards, promoted. Dated 29th December, 1864.

Second Lieutenant Andrew Mott to be First Lieutenant. Dated 29th December, 1864.

*2nd Hampshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Charles Crowther Smith to be Ensign, vice Sharp, resigned. Dated 29th December, 1864.

*5th Hampshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Lieutenant Wellington Harrison Sayer to be Captain, vice Webb, promoted. Dated 29th December, 1864.

Ensign William Henry Ford to be Lieutenant, vice Sayer, promoted. Dated 29th December, 1864.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 20th ultimo.]

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Southampton.*

*6th Hants Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Joseph Diaper to be Ensign, vice Mumby, promoted.

### TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, 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 by the same Act powers were 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 postage therein mentioned.

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 it is expedient to authorize the transmission by the post between the United Kingdom and Australia of certain packets, and for that purpose to make certain regulations in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore-recited Acts of Parliament, and every of them, and of all other powers enabling them 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 Australia, or posted in Australia addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Australia, by British packet boat direct, or via Egypt, 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 an uniform single rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of four pence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

2. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, of no intrinsic value, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Australia, or posted in Australia addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Australia, in closed mails, via France (the sea conveyance being by British packet boat), 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 an uniform single rate of postage (British, colonial, and foreign combined) of sixpence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

3. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, if exceeding four ounces in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (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, 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 one 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 one 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.

4. 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 orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter contained (that is to say):

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

6. No such packet posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to New South Wales, exceeding the weight of three pounds, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

7. 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.

8. There shall not be any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure, not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.

9. There shall be no writing or printing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark, and numbers and prices.

10. 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, but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for that purpose.

11. Every packet transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant and 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.

12. 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, not in money, but 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.

13. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in Australia, shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by the proper colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto.

14. 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 contained, every such packet shall and may (except as hereinafter otherwise provided) be detained and opened and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof, and every such packet on being so returned or given up 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 (if any) shall be paid by the sender of the packet.

15. 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 the United Kingdom having thereon or affixed thereto a stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, but not less in amount than the single rate of postage chargeable under the provisions of this Warrant, on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the value of the 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 such single rate of postage as aforesaid.

16. 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 dispatched in due course of the post, 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.

17. In all cases in which any question shall arise whether any packet, or any pattern or sample contained therein, transmitted under or by virtue of this warrant, is entitled to the privileges of this Warrant, and to be so transmitted within the intent and meaning thereof, such question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General, whose decision thereupon shall be final and conclusive upon all parties.

18. The term "Australia," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to mean and include the colonies hereinafter named; that is to say: New South Wales, Tasmania, Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia, and New Zealand, but shall neither mean nor include the colony of Queensland; 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 Majesty, chapter ninety-six.

19. 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 that may be payable are to paid.

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

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

*Wm. Dunbar.*  
*Luke White.*

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