

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

1st Norfolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Augustus Frederick Coke Bolingbroke to be Lieutenant, vice Cresewell, resigned. Dated 24th March, 1865.

Clement Priestley Hart to be Ensign, vice Bolingbroke, promoted. Dated 24th March, 1865.

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

14th Hampshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant William Clement Drake Esdaile to be Captain, vice Popham, resigned. Dated 25th March, 1865.

[The following Appointment is substituted for those which appeared in the Gazette of the 17th January last.]

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

6th Nottinghamshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

John Broadbent, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Dominichetti, resigned. Dated 13th January, 1865.

[The following Appointments are substituted for those which appeared in the Gazette of the 14th instant.]

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

4th Northamptonshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant John Macquire to be Captain, vice Davis, resigned. Dated 6th March, 1865.

Ensign Richard Phipps to be Lieutenant, vice Macquire, promoted. Dated 6th March, 1865.

MEMORANDA.

Cornwall Rangers Militia.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Major James Rennell Rodd in this Regiment.

Adjutant Jonathan White, of the Robin Hood Rifle Volunteer Corps, to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 23rd March, 1865.

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

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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 authorise the transmission by the post between the United Kingdom and the island of St. Thomas, and the other Danish colonies in the West Indies, 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 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 any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any port in the island of St. Thomas, or the other Danish colonies in the West Indies, or posted in any port in the island of St. Thomas, or the other Danish colonies in the West Indies, addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the island of St. Thomas, and the other Danish colonies in the West Indies, subject to the several rates of postage, and to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions, hereinafter mentioned and contained, 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 of three 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 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. If any packet sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall in length or breadth or depth exceed the dimensions of two feet, or shall consist wholly of patterns or samples of any intrinsic value, as in the third clause of this Warrant mentioned, or if there shall be any 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, or if any such packets shall not be sent in covers open at the ends so as to be easy of examination (except samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, and which may be enclosed in bags of linen, or of other material), or in case of bags being used, if such bags shall be so closed that they cannot be readily opened, every such packet shall be treated in all respects as a letter, except that it shall be chargeable with such rate or amount of postage as the Postmaster-General shall think proper, not exceeding the rate or amount of postage to which it would be liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted.

8. 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 enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other enclosure not authorised by this Warrant, every such enclosure 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 not only with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of three-pence, and the remainder of the packet, if duly prepaid by stamps, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

9. 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 and by virtue of this Warrant.

10. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in the Island of St. Thomas, and the other Danish colonies in the West Indies, shall in every case be paid at the time of the same

being posted either in money or by the proper postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto.

11. 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 without having thereon or affixed thereto any stamp or stamps, or 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, every such last-mentioned packet shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, and at the option of the Postmaster-General shall be dealt with and chargeable in like manner as is hereinbefore directed with respect to any packet, which in length, breadth, or depth shall exceed the dimensions of two feet.

12. 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 island of St. Thomas, or in any other of the Danish colonies in the West Indies, without any postage being paid thereon, or the postage paid thereon at the time of the same being posted, being less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, every such last-mentioned packet shall be detained and opened, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall and may 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 be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted, and such postage may be either paid by the sender or may be charged to the person to whom such packet shall be forwarded.

13. 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.

14. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter 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.

15. The term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall include the conveyance direct by any British packet boat, 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 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 that may be payable are to be paid.

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

Wm. Dunbar.
E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION ACT,
1864.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Hospital referred to in the Gazette of the 24th instant, as having been certified under the Contagious Diseases Prevention Act, 1864, is the Royal Albert Hospital, at *Devonport*, and not *Plymouth*, as formerly notified.—Dated this 27th day of March, 1865.

By command of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty,
W. G. Romaine.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 19.)—MEDITERRANEAN—WEST COAST OF ITALY.

Harbour Light at Leghorn.

THE Minister of Marine at Turin has given notice, that on and after the 1st day of March, 1865, a harbour light would be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on the north end of the curved or outer mole, at the port of Leghorn or Livorno, on the west coast of Italy.

The light is a *fixed* white light, at an elevation of 74 feet above the mean level of the sea, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 9 or 10 miles.

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

From the new light tower the principal light tower bears S. $\frac{3}{4}$ E., and the Marzocco tower N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ N.

The fixed *green* light hitherto shown from the north end of the curved mole will be discontinued.

Castellamare di Stabia.

Also, that a *red* warping buoy has been placed in the port of Castellamare di Stabia, in 4 fathoms water, with the lighthouse bearing W. by N., distant rather more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ cables; the Islet of Rovigliano, North; and the Old Castle S. by W.

Palermo, Sicily.

Also, that the mole at Palermo is in course of being lengthened 170 yards, and the extremity of the works marked by a bell buoy. Vessels entering the port should pass south of the buoy. When the work appears above water, its extremity will be marked by a small light.

Trapani.

Also, that from the 1st day of March, 1865, the Balate or Balata Reef in Trapani Road, West Coast of Sicily, will be marked by a white beacon buoy. The portion of the buoy above water will

be half oval, surmounted by a globe with a vane painted *red* and white.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation at Leghorn $15^{\circ} 0'$, and at Castellamare $12^{\circ} 45'$ West in 1865.]

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
20th March, 1865.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Italy, West Coast, Sheet 1, No. 154; Leghorn, No. 2554; Gulf of Naples, No. 1728; Plan of Palermo, No. 170; and West Coast of Sicily, No. 189. Also, Mediterranean Lights List, No. 166.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 20.)—AMERICA.—SOUTH-EAST COAST.

Wreck of H.M.S. Bombay, in the Rio de la Plata.

IN consequence of the destruction by fire of Her Majesty's late ship *Bombay* near Monte Video, on the 14th December, 1864, the wreck of that vessel now forms a danger to vessels navigating in the channel between the English bank Flores Islet.

The wreck lies about four miles N.W. by W. of the English bank light vessel, with the Cerro lighthouse bearing N.W. by W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W.; and Flores lighthouse N. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. The bowsprit which appears above water at present serves as a beacon, and denotes the position of the wreck.

Rock near the Entrance to the South Channel of Santa Catharina.

A sunken rock has recently been discovered near the entrance to the south channel of Santa Catharina, by M. Mouchez, commander of the French vessel *Lamothe-Piquet*.

The rock is small, with 9 or 10 feet of water on it, and $6\frac{1}{2}$ or $7\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms fine sands near it, and on which the sea breaks with the easterly winds. It is said to lie with *Naufragados* point lighthouse, bearing N. $1^{\circ} 30'$ E (true), distant $1\frac{3}{10}$ miles; and Pinheira point S. 21° W. 6 cables.

[The bearings near Monte Video are magnetic. Variation $9^{\circ} 15'$ East in 1865.]

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
21st March, 1865.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Rio de la Plata, No. 2544; and South America, East Coast, sheet 7, No. 2522. Also, South American Pilot Part 1, pp. 210, 213, and 149.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 21.)—MEDITERRANEAN—WEST COAST OF ITALY.

Fixed Light at Port Ercole.

THE Minister of Marine at Turin has given notice, that on the 15th day of April, 1865, a harbour light will be established at the north bastion of the battery of Santa Barbera, on the left side of entrance to Port Ercole, on the west coast of Italy.

The light will be a *fixed* white light, at an elevation of 52 feet above the mean level of the