

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

South Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

George John Iago to be Ensign. Dated 19th December, 1865.

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

24th Norfolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Robert Summers Baker to be Lieutenant, vice M. J. Shephard, resigned. Dated 23rd December, 1865.

Martin James Shephard to be Ensign, vice J. Shephard, resigned. Dated 23rd December, 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 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 have from time to time, by divers Warrants in writing under their hands, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, fixed certain rates of postage, and made and established certain regulations, under and subject to which packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, of no intrinsic value, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and certain of Her Majesty's colonies, and it is expedient that certain other regulations should be made, and for that purpose that certain of the said Warrants should be wholly repealed, and that others should be in part repealed in the manner hereinafter mentioned.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 each 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 posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the colonies or places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule hereunder written, or posted in any of such colonies or

places, addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any of such colonies or places in the manner in such Schedule also mentioned, and that all such respective packets shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions hereinafter mentioned and contained, and that the single rate of postage for such transmission by the post of packets not exceeding four ounces in weight, from the United Kingdom to any of such colonies or places or from any of such colonies or places to the United Kingdom, shall be that which is mentioned and set forth against such colonies or places respectively in the said Schedule, and that all such respective packets so transmitted shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

On every such packet so transmitted, 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. 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:—

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

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

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

6. There shall be no writing or printing upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, or contained therein, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof and a manufacturer's or trade mark, and

number and price of the pattern or sample, and every such manufacturer's or trade mark number and price shall, in the case of packets posted in the United Kingdom, be written or printed on labels attached to such patterns or samples, or to the bags or boxes containing the same, and not on loose pieces of paper or other material.

7. 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 boxes or in bags of linen or other material, which shall be fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened, but closed bags, if transparent, may be used for the purpose. Samples of dry sugar may also be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant between the United Kingdom and the Mauritius, and musters of tea may also be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant between the United Kingdom and Hong Kong, and such samples and musters may be enclosed in tin boxes of such shape and construction that they be not injurious to the contents of the mail bags, or to the officers of the Post Office, but boxes so closed that they cannot be readily opened, shall not be used for the purpose.

8. Every packet transmitted by the Post under 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.

9. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in the United Kingdom, or posted in Malta or Gibraltar, 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 duly payable thereon under or by virtue of this Warrant.

10. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in any of the colonies or places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule hereunder written (except Malta and Gibraltar), 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.

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 sent otherwise than in conformity with the several regulations, orders, directions and conditions hereinbefore contained, every such packet shall (except in the several cases hereinafter otherwise provided for) be chargeable, and shall be treated in all respects as a letter.

12. 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 authorized 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 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 duly prepaid, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

13. 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, addressed to Canada, or shall be posted in Canada addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, shall represent a less amount than the single rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, or shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the colonies or places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule hereunder written (except Australia), or shall be posted in any of such colonies or places (except Australia), addressed to the United Kingdom, without any postage having been paid thereon, either in money or in postage stamps, every such respective packet shall be forwarded, charged with a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, if the postage had been paid when posted.

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 posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Canada or Australia, or shall be posted in Canada or Australia, addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage paid thereon, either in money or in postage stamps 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 equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable under this Warrant, on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight; or 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, addressed to any of the colonies or places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule hereunder written (except Canada and Australia), or shall be posted in any of such colonies or places (except Canada and Australia) addressed to the United Kingdom, 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, every such respective packet shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon 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.

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 28th day of November, 1844, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said firstly hereinbefore recited Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did declare, consent, and direct (amongst other things) that no packet should be forwarded, conveyed, or delivered by the Post, either within the United Kingdom or any of Her Majesty's colonies, containing any razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, or any article, matter, or thing whatsoever, which might by pressure or otherwise be rendered injurious either to the officers of the Post Office or to the contents of the mail bags.

15. Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do hereby declare and direct that, notwithstanding the said recited Warrant of the 28th day of November, 1844, any packet posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the colonies or places mentioned and set forth in

the Schedule herounder written, or posted in any of such colonies or places, addressed to the United Kingdom, containing any razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, keys, watch machinery, metal, metal tubing, or ore, or such like, shall and may be transmitted by the Post between the United Kingdom and the said colonies or places, subject to the several rates of postage, and to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions herein mentioned and contained: Provided that every such razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, keys, watch machinery, metal, metal tubing, or ore, or such like, so contained in any packet, be securely packed and guarded; and every such packet shall not only conform in every respect to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions herein contained, but the same shall also furnish sufficient protection against injury to the officers of the Post Office, and to the contents of the mail bags: Provided always, that nothing herein mentioned shall extend to authorize the transmission by the Post of any packet containing any explosive or other dangerous material or substance.

16. And we do further order and direct that if any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the Post under the authority of the 7th clause of this Warrant, containing samples of sugar or musters of tea in tin boxes of a shape and construction that may be injurious to the contents of the mail bags or to the officers of the Post Office; or if any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the Post under the authority of the 15th clause of this Warrant, shall be posted or transmitted by the Post, without being securely packed and guarded, and without furnishing sufficient protection against injury to the officers of the Post Office and to the contents of the mail bags, as in such 15th clause of this Warrant provided (of which the Postmaster-General shall in all cases be the sole judge), every such respective 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; and every such packet, on being so returned or given up, shall be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage the Postmaster-General shall think fit, not exceeding the letter rates of postage.

17. And we do further order and direct that 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 despatched in due course of the post whenever it may be necessary so to do, 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.

18. And we further order and direct that 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.

19. And with regard to packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value transmitted by the post between the United

Kingdom and the Mauritius, the East Indies, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Australia, Labuan, and Malta, in closed mails, via France, under the authority of five several Warrants, of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date respectively the 5th day of September, 1864, the 24th day of September, 1864, the 29th day of December, 1864, the 30th day of December, 1864, and the 16th day of March, 1865, we do hereby order and direct that, notwithstanding anything in any or either of such Warrants respectively contained to the contrary, closed transparent bags may be used for the purpose of enclosing samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers in the manner in the said several Warrants respectively mentioned.

20. And we further order and direct that the term "British West Indies" used in this Warrant, or in the Schedule hereto, shall be construed to mean and include the following colonies and places, and their respective dependencies, that is to say:—Antigua, Bahamas, Barbadoes, Bermuda, Berbice, Carriacou, Demerara, Dominica, Grenada, Honduras, Jamaica, Montserrat, Nevis, Saint Kitts, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, Tobago, Tortola, Trinidad, and Turks Islands; and the term "Australia" used in this Warrant (except the 19th clause thereof), or in the Schedule hereto, shall be construed to mean and include the following colonies, that is to say:—New South Wales, Tasmania, Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, and New Zealand. And the term "East Indies" used in this Warrant, or in the Schedule hereto, 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 terms and expressions used in the 19th clause of this Warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning and signification as the like terms and expressions used in the several Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, respectively referred to in such 19th clause, so far as the same shall be applicable thereto; 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 4th year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96.

21. And we further order and direct that the following Warrants and parts of Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall be and the same are hereby respectively repealed, revoked, and annulled, that is to say:—The whole of two certain Warrants bearing date respectively the 9th day of December, 1863, and the 15th day of October, 1864: So much of a certain Warrant, bearing date the 17th day of February, 1864, as relates to or affects packets transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Malta and Gibraltar by packet boat via Southampton: So much of a certain Warrant, bearing date the 5th day of September, 1864, as relates to or affects packets transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any part of the Mauritius by British packet-boat direct or via Egypt: So much of a certain Warrant, bearing date the 24th day of September, 1864, as relates to or affects packets transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom, and any part of the East Indies, Ceylon, or Hong Kong, by British packet-boat direct, or via Egypt: So much of a certain Warrant, bearing date the 3rd day of December, 1864, as relates to or affects packets transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the British West Indies,

direct by any British or Colonial packet-boat, and also between the United Kingdom and the colonies of Sierra Leone, Gambia, Lagos, and the Gold Coast: So much of a certain Warrant, bearing date the 29th day of December, 1864, as relates to or affects packets transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Australia by British packet-boat direct, or via Egypt: And so much of a certain Warrant, bearing date the 30th day of December, 1864, as relates to or affects packets transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Labuan by British packet-boat. Nevertheless no Warrant or Warrants, nor any part or parts of a Warrant or

Warrants, repealed by any of the Warrants herein mentioned or referred to shall be revived by this present Warrant.

22. 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.

23. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1866.

The SCHEDULE above referred to.

		Single Rate.
Malta	} By British packet-boat, via Southampton..	Three pence
Gibraltar		
Sierra Leone	} By British packet-boat	
Gambia		
Lagos		
Gold Coast		
Canada	} By Canadian packet-boat	Three pence (British and Colonial)
British West Indies	} By British or Colonial packet-boat	
Nova Scotia		
New Brunswick		
Prince Edward Island		
Newfoundland		
Cape of Good Hope	} By British packet-boat direct	Three pence (British and Colonial)
Natal		
St. Helena	} By British packet-boat, via Southampton and Suez	Four pence (British and Colonial)
Australia	} By British packet-boat direct, or via South- ampton and Suez	Four pence (British and Colonial)
Ceylon		
East Indies		
Hong Kong		
Mauritius		
Labuan		

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-ninth day of December, 1865.

Luke White.

E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.

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, 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, cap. 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 fix rates of postage on certain packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the several colonies hereinafter set forth, and also to make certain regulations in relation thereto as are hereinafter contained.

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