

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of the County of York.

3rd North Riding of Yorkshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Second Lieutenant George Taylor to be First Lieutenant, vice Barry, resigned. Dated 17th March, 1866.

1st Administrative Battalion of the North Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers.

The Honourable Charles John Shore to be Major, vice Sir George W. Denys, resigned. Dated 17th March, 1866.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 27th ultimo.]

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Chester, and County of the City of Chester.

1st Cheshire Engineer Volunteer Corps.

Samuel Stitt, jun., late Serjeant 2nd Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps, to be Second Lieutenant, vice Guinness, resigned. Dated 15th February, 1866.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Session of Parliament, holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, for the regulation of the duties of postage, power is 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 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 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 whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act made and passed in the Session of Parliament, holden in the tenth and eleventh years 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 certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament made and passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 27, for amending the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and for providing for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications.

And whereas it is expedient to alter the rates of postage now payable on certain packets transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Sweden and Norway, and to fix certain other rates of postage in lieu thereof, and also to fix certain rates of postage upon certain other packets, and to make certain regulations in relation thereto, in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

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 respectively, and all and every, or some or one 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, declare, and direct as follows; that is to say:—

1. On every packet consisting of a printed British newspaper, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Sweden or Norway, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any place in Sweden or Norway, the said respective packets being conveyed via Belgium, Germany, and Denmark, there shall be charged, taken, and paid in respect of every such packet addressed to Sweden an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of fourpence, and, in respect of every such packet addressed to Norway, an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of fivepence, and every such respective packet shall be transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto.

2. All packets consisting of printed papers other than British newspapers, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Sweden or Norway, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any place in Sweden or Norway, the said respective packets being conveyed via Belgium, Germany, and Denmark, may be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto, and there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission of every such packet addressed to Sweden an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of fivepence, and for the transmission of every such packet addressed to Norway an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of sixpence.

3. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the 1st and 2nd clauses of this Warrant, hereinbefore respectively contained, shall, if exceeding the weight of four ounces respectively, be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

On every such packet so transmitted, if exceeding four ounces in weight 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 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 in charging any additional rate of postage every fractional part of such additional half of a pound 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. As to all packets consisting of printed British newspapers, or of printed papers other than British newspapers, hereinbefore in the 1st and 2nd clauses of this Warrant authorised to be sent by the post, the postage thereof 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 thereupon under or by virtue of this Warrant (unless any such packet be sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall have a postage account with the General Post Office in London, in which case the same shall be forwarded post-paid and the postage thereof shall be charged in such postage account); and if any such packet shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon every such packet shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof, and 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 an unpaid letter. But if any such packet shall be posted with a postage paid thereon which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficient postage.

5. For the purposes of this Warrant every printed newspaper transmitted by the post under the 1st clause of this Warrant shall be deemed and considered a packet, and shall be charged and chargeable with a separate and distinct single rate, or separate and distinct progressive and additional rates of postage, according to the weight thereof, as hereinbefore respectively mentioned; notwithstanding two or more newspapers shall be enclosed and transmitted in one and the same cover, wrapper, envelope, or bundle, and from only one parcel or bundle of newspapers, and every printed supplement or additional sheet to any such newspaper shall, for the purpose of charging the postage under this Warrant, be deemed a distinct newspaper, unless sent in the same cover or together with the newspaper to which it is a supplement or addition.

6. Every packet consisting of a printed British newspaper, or of printed papers other than British newspapers, which shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions following; that is to say:—

Every British newspaper shall be printed and published at intervals not exceeding thirty-one days between any two consecutive numbers or parts of such publication, and the same shall be registered at the General Post Office in London, and shall be posted within fifteen days from the date of its publication, and the title and date of the newspaper shall be printed at the top of every page thereof.

Every packet 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 word or communication printed on the contents of any such packet after the publication thereof, nor any writing, figures, or marks, upon any such contents, or the cover thereof, not authorized by this Warrant, except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent; but the name or title of any newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, news-vendor, or agent, by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof, and any packet of printed papers other than a printed newspaper may have any matter or thing printed on the cover thereof.

No packet shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant which shall exceed the weight of three pounds (Danish), or which shall exceed two feet in length or one foot in depth or width.

Every packet transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be put into the Post Office at such hours in the day and under all such regulations as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

7. If any packet, consisting of a printed British newspaper, or of printed papers other than British newspapers, transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, be sent by the post otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations established by or under the 6th clause of this Warrant, the same shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom; 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 the same shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such packet, on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with any rates of postage the Postmaster-General may think fit, not exceeding the rates that would be chargeable on such packet as an unpaid letter.

8. The term "printed papers" used in this Warrant shall, for the purpose of transmission thereof by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, mean, comprise, and include any number of separate books or other publications, prints, or maps, whether printed, engraved, or lithographed, and whether on paper, parchment, or vellum, and also photographs on paper, parchment, or vellum, and all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, publication, print or map, or of a portion thereof, whether such binding, mounting, or covering be loose or attached, as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, and whatsoever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter, or usually appertains thereto; but no packet consisting of or containing any photographs, drawings, prints, or other contents which may be obviously of an obscene character, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

9. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, of no intrinsic value, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Sweden or Norway, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any place in Sweden or Norway, the said respective packets being conveyed via Belgium, Germany, and Denmark, may be so transmitted under the authority of this Warrant, and at the several rates of postage respectively as are payable in respect of packets consisting of printed papers other than British newspapers transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Sweden and Norway respectively, under or by virtue of this Warrant; nevertheless, the packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize shall be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, conditions and restrictions hereinafter respectively mentioned and contained concerning or relating to the same; that is to say:—

No such packet shall be transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, which shall exceed the weight of three pounds (Danish), or which in length shall exceed two feet, or in width or depth one foot.

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

The postage of every such packet shall 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 at the time of the same being posted, 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 thereupon under or by virtue of this Warrant.

No such pattern or sample of merchandize shall be of any intrinsic value; and no article so transmitted shall be of a saleable nature, or such as has any mercantile value, either by reason of its quality or its quantity, or of which any use might be made otherwise than as a pattern or sample of merchandize.

There shall be no writing or printing upon any such packet, or 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 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.

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, paper, or other material which shall be tied with a string, or otherwise fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened; and closed bags, if transparent, may be used for this purpose.

No article which might injure the contents of the mail bags or the persons of the officers of the Post Office shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant: nevertheless, any packet containing any

razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, shall and may (notwithstanding anything in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 28th day of November, 1844, contained to the contrary), be transmitted by the post under the authority of the 9th clause of this Warrant, subject to the several rates of postage, and to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions herein mentioned and contained relating thereto, provided that every such article or instrument so contained in any such packet shall 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, while at the same time the patterns or samples may be easily examined.

10. If any packet of patterns, or samples of merchandize, 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, every such packet shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof, and 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 an unpaid letter; but if any such packet shall be posted with a postage paid thereon, which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficient postage.

11. No packet consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, in respect of which the several orders, directions, regulations, restrictions, and conditions hereinbefore respectively contained, relating to the same, shall not be complied with in all respects, except only such packets as are in the last preceding clause mentioned and referred to.

12. 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, 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.

13. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise whether any packet, or anything 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 on all parties.

14. 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 recited Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 96.

15. The several rates of postage chargeable under or by virtue of a certain Warrant of the

Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 23rd day of October, 1865, on packets consisting of printed British newspapers, and on packets consisting of printed papers other than British newspapers, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Sweden or Norway, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any place in Sweden or Norway as therein mentioned, together with the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained, so far as they relate to or affect such packets respectively, are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled.

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, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, or conditions in lieu thereof, and may from time to time appoint at what time the rates which 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-six.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the seventeenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

W. P. Adam.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties "of postage," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and were made chargeable and payable upon, for, and 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 power was given to the Postmaster-General to charge such higher rates of postage on certain letters, newspapers, and other printed papers therein mentioned, as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, should from time to time deem expedient, and also to remit any of the rates of British postage or inland postage for the time being payable by law on the transmission of post letters, newspapers, or other printed papers, to such extent as the Lords of the Treasury should from time to time direct; and by the same Act power was also 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 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 whereas further powers are 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, 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said before-recited Acts, or one of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, have, from time to time, by divers Warrants in writing under their hands, made and issued certain regulations, orders, directions, and conditions relating to the rates of postage and the mode and time of payment thereof, and to the weight, size, and dimensions, and the mode and time of sending, under and subject to, and in conformity with which the several packets, consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, and the several other packets therein, or in some or one of the said Warrants respectively mentioned, may respectively be transmitted by the post; and it is expedient to make such further regulations with regard to certain of the said packets as are hereinafter mentioned and contained.

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, 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. In all cases where any packet, consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, or consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the colonial legislatures, or consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, may be transmitted by the post under the authority of any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in force, and any such packet shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon, in the mode required by any such Warrant or Warrants, or shall be posted with a postage paid thereon, in the mode required by any such Warrant or Warrants, which shall be less in amount than the rate or rates of postage payable thereupon under any such Warrant or Warrants respectively, 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 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 be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage which the Postmaster-General shall think proper, not exceeding the rate or amount of postage to which such packet would have been liable as a letter, nor less than the rate of postage which such packet would have been chargeable with, if the postage thereof had been properly paid when posted.

2. The term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as the like term used in the said recited Acts.

3. 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, or revoke the orders, regulations, and directions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, regulations, orders, directions, and conditions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.