

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

Earl of Chester's Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.

Charles Augustus, Viscount Petersham, to be Cornet, vice Hogg resigned. Dated 15th May, 1866.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Durham.

4th Durham Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Valentine Hutchinson to be Captain, vice Jobson, promoted. Dated 17th May, 1866.

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

5th Essex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Supernumerary Lieutenant William Barret to be Lieutenant, vice Booth. Dated 24th May, 1866.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent, and of the City and County of the City of Canterbury.

East Kent Militia.

Phineas Bury, Esq., late Captain 15th Hussars, to be Captain, vice Holdsworth, resigned. Dated 23rd May, 1866.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant and High Steward of the Stewantry of Kirkcudbright.

2nd Kirkcudbrightshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

William John Renny to be Lieutenant, vice Bell, resigned. Dated 23rd May, 1866.

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

1st Linlithgowshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

John Glen to be Ensign, vice Hawksworth, resigned. Dated 24th May, 1866.

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

3rd Middlesex Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Henry Cooper Rose to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 17th May, 1866.

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

Royal Monmouthshire Militia.

Francis Baynham Vaughan, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 24th May, 1866.

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

3rd Suffolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Herman Biddell to be Captain, vice Rouse, promoted. Dated 19th May, 1866.

Ensign Frederick Spalding to be Lieutenant, vice Biddell, promoted. Dated 19th May, 1866.

Edward Charles Cavell, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Spalding, promoted. Dated 19th May, 1866.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of Captain Herman Biddell bearing the designation of Captain-Commandant of this Corps.

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

1st North Riding of Yorkshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Robert Jaques, Esq., to be First Lieutenant, vice Gillian, resigned. Dated 24th May, 1866.

John Ellerton, Esq., to be Second Lieutenant, vice Turnbull, promoted. Dated 24th May, 1866.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 22nd instant.]

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent, and of the City and County of the City of Canterbury.

21st Kent Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Henry Baden Pritchard to be Captain, vice Allchin, resigned. Dated 15th May, 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 a communication is about to be established by colonial packet boats between Panama and New Zealand and Australia, and it is expedient to fix certain rates of postage upon letters and packets transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to New Zealand and Australia, via Panama, and from Panama to New Zealand and Australia respectively, 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 letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to New Zealand or Australia, transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia, via Panama (the sea conveyance being partly by British and partly by colonial packet boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of one shilling.

2. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post from any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, to New Zealand or Australia, via Panama (the sea conveyance from the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia being partly by British and partly by colonial packet boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of one shilling, for the conveyance of every such letter from any port in the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia; and for the conveyance of every such letter from the British colony or foreign country from which the same shall be forwarded to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in any such British colony or foreign country, and transmitted direct from such colony or foreign country to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted therefrom the sum of one penny in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause, of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

3. All such respective letters so transmitted, as is mentioned in the first and second clauses of this Warrant, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

On every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage;

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage;

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage;

And for every additional ounce in weight of any letter so transmitted as aforesaid above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage; and every fractional part of such additional ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as an additional ounce in weight. And each progressive and additional rate chargeable under

this clause, shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight.

4. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by colonial packet boat from Panama to New Zealand or Australia (without such letters having previously passed through the United Kingdom), there shall be charged and taken (in addition to any other rates of postage chargeable and payable thereupon), a colonial packet rate of postage of sixpence.

5. And on every letter transmitted as is mentioned in the 4th clause of this Warrant exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows, that is to say:—

On every such letter exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage;

On every such letter exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce in weight, three rates of postage;

On every such letter exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage;

And for every half of an ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of two ounces, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and in charging any additional rate of postage every fraction part of such additional half of an ounce shall be charged as an additional half of an ounce in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight.

6. On every letter transmitted by the post under the provisions of the 1st and 4th clauses 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 letter 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.

7. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to New Zealand or Australia (except Tasmania), without any postage having been paid thereon in the mode hereinbefore required or with a postage paid thereon, in the mode hereinbefore required, which shall be less in amount than the single rate of postage to which such letter, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight, would be liable under this Warrant, every such letter shall be detained and opened, and shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof.

8. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to New Zealand or Australia (except Tasmania) with a postage paid thereon in the mode hereinbefore required, which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, but equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable on any such letter if not exceeding half an ounce in weight, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon and the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid, when

posted, together with the further and additional rate of postage of one shilling.

9. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Tasmania without any postage having been paid thereon, in the mode hereinbefore required, or with a postage paid thereon, in the mode hereinbefore required, which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, or if any letter shall be sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of the 4th clause of this Warrant, without the postage payable thereon, under or by virtue of this Warrant, being fully prepaid in the mode hereinbefore required, every such respective letter shall be detained and opened, and shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof.

10. Nothing herein contained shall in anywise annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by or under the said hereinbefore recited Acts, or either of them, or by or under any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post Office, or any of the privileges which officers, seamen, and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service are by law entitled to, of sending and receiving by the post letters subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

11. On every packet consisting of a printed British newspaper not exceeding four ounces in weight posted in the United Kingdom addressed to New Zealand or Australia, and transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia via Panama (the sea conveyance being partly by British and partly by colonial boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of four pence. And on every packet consisting of a printed colonial or foreign newspaper not exceeding four ounces in weight transmitted by the post from any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia via Panama (the sea conveyance from the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia being partly by British and partly by colonial packet boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of four pence, for the conveyance of every such packet from any port in the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia; and for the conveyance of every such last-mentioned packet from the British colony or foreign country from which the same shall be forwarded to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on such packets not exceeding four ounces in weight posted in any such British colony or foreign country and transmitted direct from such colony or foreign country to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same.

12. On every packet consisting of a printed newspaper not exceeding four ounces in weight transmitted by colonial packet boat from Panama to New Zealand or Australia (without having previously passed through the United Kingdom) there shall be charged and taken (in addition to all other rates of postage chargeable and payable thereupon) a colonial rate of postage of two pence.

13. On every packet consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic

value, not exceeding four ounces in weight, transmitted by colonial packet boat from Panama to New Zealand or Australia (without having previously passed through the United Kingdom), there shall be charged and taken (in addition to all other rates of postage chargeable and payable thereupon) a colonial rate of postage of three-pence.

14. On every packet consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, or consisting of printed votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the colonial legislatures, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to New Zealand or Australia, and transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia, via Panama (the sea conveyance being partly by British and partly by colonial packet boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of six-pence.

15. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the 11th and 14th 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, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken two rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces, and not exceeding twelve ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken three rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding twelve ounces, and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken four rates of postage;

And for every additional four ounces in weight of any such packet above the weight of sixteen ounces, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and in charging any additional rate of postage every fractional part of such additional four ounces in weight shall be charged as an additional four ounces 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.

16. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the 12th and 13th 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, and not exceeding one-half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken 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 and taken four rates of postage;

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of one pound, there shall be charged and taken 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.

17. For the purposes of this Warrant every newspaper transmitted by the Post under the 11th and 12th clauses 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 form 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.

18. Every packet transmitted by the post under the provisions of the 11th, 12th, and 14th clauses 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 inclosure 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-vender, or agent, by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof.

19. If any packet be sent or be tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the 11th, 12th, and 14th clauses of this Warrant, otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations established by or under the 18th clause of this Warrant, the same shall and may be detained and opened, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall (except in the case provided for in the clause next hereinafter contained) 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 a letter.

20. If any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of the 11th, 12th, and 14th clauses 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 a letter, but also 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, 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.

21. Every packet consisting of printed papers which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of the 13th clause of this Warrant, shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides, and it may contain any number of separate books or other publications, prints or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment, or vellum, and the books or other publications, prints or maps, may be either printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three, and all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, publication, print, or map, or of a portion thereof, shall be allowed to pass by the post 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 shall contain any written letter, nor any communication in the nature of a letter, closed or open, nor any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any communication of the nature of a letter, written in or upon any such packet, or the cover thereof, nor shall any packet consist of or contain any photographs, drawings, prints, or other contents which may be obviously of an obscene character.

22. Every packet consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of the 13th clause 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:—

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.

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.

There shall be no writing 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;

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, paper, or other material, tied at the neck, but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for that purpose.

23. All packets, consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to New Zealand or Australia, and transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia via Panama (the sea conveyance being partly by British and partly by colonial packet boat), 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 books, publications, or works of literature or art, transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia, under or by virtue of this Warrant, nevertheless, such 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:—

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;

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 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 inclosed 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 this purpose.

No article which might injure the contents of the mails 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, keys, watch machinery, metal, metal tubing, or ore, or such like, 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 23rd clause of this Warrant, subject 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: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorise the transmission by the post of any packet containing any explosive or other dangerous material or substance.

24. If any packet sent or tendered or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of the 13th and 23rd clauses of this Warrant, shall be sent otherwise than in conformity with the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinbefore contained relating thereto, every such packet shall (except in the case next hereinafter otherwise provided for), be chargeable and shall be treated in all respects as a letter.

25. If any packet sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of the 23rd clause of this Warrant, shall contain any inclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other inclosure not authorized by this Warrant, every such inclosure 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 a letter but also with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence, and the remainder of the packet if duly prepaid may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

26. As to all packets hereinbefore in the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 23rd clauses of this Warrant, authorized to be sent by the post (except packets passing through the United Kingdom under the 11th clause of this Warrant), the postage thereof shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted; and in the case of packets posted in the United Kingdom under the 11th, 14th, and 23rd clauses of this Warrant, the postage thereof shall be paid 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 (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, as hereinbefore required, or shall be posted with a postage paid thereon, as hereinbefore required, which shall be less in amount than the rate or rates of postage payable thereupon under and by virtue of this Warrant, 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.

27. No packet addressed to New South Wales or Queensland shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant which shall exceed the weight of three pounds; nor shall any packet be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant which shall exceed two feet in length or one foot in breadth or depth, unless under the special authority of the Postmaster-General.

28. Every packet transmitted by the post under 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.

29. 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.

30. 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.

31. The term "Australia," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to mean and include the following colonies; that is to say:—New South Wales, Tasmania, Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia, and Queensland; the term "British newspaper," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to mean a newspaper printed in the United Kingdom, whether it bear a newspaper stamp or not; the terms "books, publications, or works of literature or art," used in this Warrant, 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, book-markers (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 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 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; 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 recited Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 96.

32. 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.

33. This Warrant shall come into operation on the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.
W. P. Adam.

EXCHEQUER BILLS.

N.B.—This being the first renewal of Exchequer Bills issued under the Act of 1861, the attention of Holders is specially called to the following particulars:—

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall,
28th May, 1866.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice to the holders of Exchequer Bills issued under the authority of the Act 24 Vict, cap. 5, and dated the 11th June, 1861, that the interest thereon for the half-year ending on the 11th June, 1866, will be payable at the Bank of England on and after the said 11th day of June, 1866.

The said Exchequer Bills, dated the 11th June, 1861, will be paid off, either in new Bills or in money, on the 11th June, 1866, when the interest will cease. Such Bills will be received at the Bank of England daily, from ten till two o'clock, until the 4th day of June, 1866, inclusive.

Printed forms, containing instructions for the preparation of the lists and the arrangement of the Bills, may be obtained on application at the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

The holders must insert their names and addresses in each list; but where the names of holders are inserted in the body of the Bills, the indorsements of such holders must be obtained previously to their lists and Bills being left for examination.

New Bills, prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Act 24 Vict., cap. 5, dated the 11th day of June, 1866, may be obtained in payment of the principal of the whole, or part, of