

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

2nd Berwickshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Thomas Hood to be Captain, vice Marjoribanks, resigned. Dated 23rd January, 1867.

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

1st Administrative Battalion of Brecknockshire Rifle Volunteers.

Lewis Hughes, Esq., to be Honorary Quartermaster. Dated 22nd January, 1867.

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

13th Shropshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Salusbury Kynaston Mainwaring to be Captain, vice Jebb, resigned. Dated 19th January, 1867.

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, 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 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, chapter 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 certain of the rates of postage now payable upon certain newspapers transmitted by the post, and chargeable with postage under the authority of a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 22nd day of September, 1866, and for that purpose to repeal such last-mentioned Warrant.

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 sixpence.

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 sixpence 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 fourth clause of this Warrant, exceeding one-half of an 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 fractional 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 sixpence.

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 fourth 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 letters by the post, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

11. On every printed British newspaper 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 fourpence: and on every printed colonial or foreign newspaper 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 fourpence for the conveyance of every such newspaper from any port in the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia; and for the conveyance of every such last-mentioned newspaper 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 newspapers 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 twopence.

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 threepence.

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, viâ 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 fourpence.

15. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the 14th clause of this Warrant hereinbefore 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 12th clause of this Warrant shall be deemed and considered a packet, and shall be charged and chargeable with a separate and distinct single rate of postage, or separate and distinct progressive and additional rates of postage according to the weight thereof, as hereinbefore 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 newspaper transmissible by the post under the 11th and 12th clauses of this Warrant 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 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, newsvendor, 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 con-

tained) 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 authorized 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 specified in such last-mentioned clauses respectively, 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 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 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, 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 authorize 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 fourpence, 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 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.

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 wholly 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, chapter 96.

32. The said recited Warrant, bearing date the 22nd day of September, 1866, shall be and the same is hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, and the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage therein mentioned and set forth shall wholly cease and determine upon the coming into operation of this present Warrant; but any Warrant repealed by the said recited Warrant of the 22nd day of September, 1866, shall not by virtue of this clause be revived.

33. 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 altered, 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.

34. This Warrant shall come into operation on the twenty-third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

B. Disraeli.
Henry Whitmore.

Whitehall, November 20, 1866.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Thomas Rouse Watson, of No. 27, Worship-street, Finsbury, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

Whitehall, January 17, 1867.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Henry Millar Phillips, of No. 10, Old Jewry-chambers, City, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH.

Hilary Term, 30th Victoria,
January 24, 1867.

THIS Court will on Tuesday, the 26th day of February next, instead of Saturday, the 26th day of February next, as published in the London Gazette of Tuesday, the 22nd day of January instant; hold a Sitting for the purpose of giving judgments only.

By the Court.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

BROMSGROVE.

WHEREAS the Local Board and Town Commissioners in and for the District of Bromsgrove, in the county of Worcester, have obtained the consent of a meeting of ratepayers and owners of property within such district, held on the 16th day of January instant, the said consent being expressed by resolution, as required by the 50th section of the Local Government Act, 1858, and bringing in force the provisions of the Markets and Fairs Clauses Act, 1847, and the various Acts and parts of Acts incorporated therewith, relating to markets and tolls; and whereas the said Local Board and Town Commissioners have now given notice to me, under the hereinbefore recited Local Government Act, 1858, that the said Acts and parts of Acts have been adopted in such district, with a view to their being put in force therein.

I do hereby, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1858, give notice that the said Acts and parts of Acts, with respect to the establishment, &c., of markets, market-houses, &c., in the said district of Bromsgrove, have been duly adopted by the aforesaid Local Board and Town Commissioners, with the consent of the meeting of ratepayers and owners of Bromsgrove, as hereinbefore described.

Given under my hand this 21st day of January, 1867.

(Signed) *S. H. Walpole.*

Home Office, Whitehall.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ACT BY THE BOROUGH OF CHESTERFIELD.

WHEREAS the Local Government Act, 1858, was duly adopted on the 12th day of December, 1866, by the borough of Chesterfield; and notice of such adoption has been given, and the other requirements of the said Act have been duly complied with; and whereas the period fixed by the said Act for appeal against the resolution for the adoption of the said Act by such borough has now expired, and no such appeal has been made:

Now, therefore, I, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby give notice that the Local Government Act, 1858, has been duly adopted within the said borough of Chesterfield, and that in accordance with the provisions thereof, the said Act will, at the expiration of two months from the date of the passing of the aforesaid resolution, have the force of law within such borough of Chesterfield.

Given under my hand this 25th day of January, 1867.

(Signed) *S. H. Walpole.*

Home Office, Whitehall.