

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

Kent Artillery Regiment of Militia.

Cuthbert Vickers, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Bones, promoted. Dated 19th March, 1867.

East Kent Regiment of Militia.

John Leslie Toke, Esq., late Captain 96th Regiment, to be Major, vice Castle, resigned. Dated 18th March, 1867.

John George Martin Moore, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Simmons, promoted. Dated 13th March, 1867.

14th Kent Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Captain Edward Montagu Browne to be Major, vice Piers, resigned. Dated 21st March, 1867.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

5th Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia.

Edward Parker, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Edward Anthony Ledgard, promoted. Dated 14th March, 1867.

2nd Lancashire Engineer Volunteer Corps.

John Scott Fraser, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 20th December, 1866.

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

5th Westmorland Rifle Volunteer Corps.

William Laidlaw to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon, vice Fell, deceased. Dated 15th March, 1867.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 19th instant.]

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

1st Dumfriesshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Edward Philippe Mackenzie to be Captain, vice Patrick Dudgeon, resigned. Dated 14th March, 1867.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, for the regulation of the duties of postage, certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, or in respect of letters, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post, and by the same Act powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from time to time, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of postage therein mentioned.

And whereas further powers 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, chapter 85, for

giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post Office.

And whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made for the transmission by the post from Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, Peru, and Central America to the United Kingdom of certain packets, 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 two before-mentioned 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; that is to say:—

1. All packets consisting of printed papers (other than newspapers), or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, respectively posted in any port in Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, Peru, or Central America, respectively, addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post from any port in Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, Peru, or Central America respectively to the United Kingdom, via Panama, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform British rate of postage of sixpence;

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

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

And on every such packet, if exceeding twelve ounces, and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid 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, taken, and paid one additional rate of postage, and in charging any additional rate of postage, every fractional part of such additional four ounces 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.

2. Every packet consisting of printed papers (other than newspapers), transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides, and 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 inclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any communication in 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.

3. Every packet consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions following, that is to say:—

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

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 writing or printing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark, and numbers and prices;

Every packet shall be sent in a cover 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 this purpose.

4. No packet, which shall exceed two feet in length or one foot in breadth or depth, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, unless under the special authority of the Postmaster-General.

5. 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.

6. 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. ninety-six.

7. 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.

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

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

G. G. Montgomery.
Henry Whitmore.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ACT BY SWINTON DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

WHEREAS the Local Government Act, 1858, was duly adopted on the 8th day of February, 1867, by the district of Swinton, in the county of Lancaster, within the boundaries of that district, as settled for the purposes of the hereinbefore recited Act; and notice of such adoption has been duly given, as required by such Act; and it has now been certified to me that a copy of such notice has been duly advertized, and that copies have also been duly affixed in such district, and the period fixed by the said Act for appeal 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 adopted within the said district of Swinton; and that the said Act will, at the expiration of two months from the date of the passing of the resolution of adoption, have the force of law within the district aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of March, 1867.

(Signed) *S. H. Walpole.*

Home Office, Whitehall.

INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the district of Newmarket, in the county of Cambridgeshire, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to Her Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners, for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Police Courts, Newmarket, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 1867, at noon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax Acts for the district of Newmarket aforesaid.

Alex. Duff Gordon.
James Disraeli.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House,
London, March 25, 1867.

India Office, March 25, 1867.

THE Secretary of State for India in Council hereby gives notice, that he has received Madras Gazettes, containing the following notices of Orders made by the Court for the Relief of