

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

Dumfries, Roxburgh, Selkirk, and Kirkcudbrightshire Militia.

Lieutenant Benjamin Thomas Gaskoin Anderson to be Captain, vice Dougal, resigned. Dated 10th July, 1867.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.

2nd Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteer Corps.

William W. Gwillim to be Honorary Quartermaster. Dated 8th July, 1867.

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

10th Warwickshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Nathaniel Merridew to be Captain. Dated 9th July, 1867.

Ensign James Wright Hassall to be Lieutenant, vice Merridew, promoted. Dated 9th July, 1867.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of Captain John Machen bearing the title of Captain-Commandant of the 10th Warwickshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

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 as therein mentioned.

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 fix certain rates of postage upon certain packets transmitted by the post from Constantinople to the United Kingdom and foreign countries through the United Kingdom, via Austria and France, 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 newspaper, whether British, colonial, or foreign, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in Constantinople, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post from Constantinople to any part of the United Kingdom, via Austria and France (the conveyance from Constantinople to Austria being by Austrian mail packet boat or by private ship), there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of threepence.

2. All packets 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, posted in Constantinople addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post from Constantinople to any part of the United Kingdom, via Austria and France (the conveyance from Constantinople to Austria being by Austrian mail packet boat or by private ship), 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 an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of five pence.

3. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the first and second clauses of this Warrant 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, 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, three rates of postage;

And on every such packet if exceeding twelve ounces and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, 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 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.

4. All packets consisting of printed newspapers or other printed papers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, not exceeding two ounces in weight posted in Constantinople addressed to any foreign country and transmitted by the post from Constantinople to any such foreign country, via Austria and France, and through the United Kingdom, may be so transmitted respectively 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 an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of two pence.

5. All packets transmitted by the post under the fourth clause of this Warrant shall if exceeding the weight of two 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 two ounces in weight, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding one-half of a pound in weight, four rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one-half of a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight, eight 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, taken, and paid four additional rates of postage, and in charging any additional rates of postage, 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 two ounces in weight.

6. For the purposes of this Warrant, every newspaper transmitted by the post under the first 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 inclosed 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.

7. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, except any packet consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, 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 such 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-vendor, or agent, by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof, and any other packet (not being a 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.

8. Every packet consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize 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 :

No such packet shall be transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, which shall exceed the weight of eight ounces.

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.

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.

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

10. 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.

11. If any packet transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant be sent by the post otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations applicable thereto, established by or under 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 either be 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.

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 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.

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 the Postmaster-General, whose decision thereupon shall be final and conclusive on all parties.

14. The term "printed papers," when used in this Warrant, shall 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, and also when contained in any packet consisting of unbound proof-sheets only, any ordinary corrections in writing of such unbound proof-sheets, but shall not mean, comprise, or include any photographs, drawings, prints, or other articles which may be obviously of an obscene character, 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.

15. 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.

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

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the sixth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

G. G. Montgomery.
Henry Whitmore.

REGULATIONS for the REGISTRATION of POST LETTERS transmitted between THE UNITED KINGDOM and BRITISH COLONIES.

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, it was enacted, by section 39 (after reciting that it might be expedient that certain post letters should be registered), that in case the Postmaster-General should, at any time, deem it expedient that all or any post letters should be registered by the post office, the Postmaster-General might, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, forward letters so registered without charging any additional rate for the registration thereof, or he might charge for any letter so registered such rate of postage, in addition to any other rates payable under the Post Office Acts, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury should from time to time direct (but such registration should not render the Postmaster-General, or the Post Office Revenue, in any manner liable for the loss of any such post letters or the contents thereof), and that all registered letters should be delivered to the post office, and also be delivered by the post office, at or between such hours in the day and under all such regulations in every respect as the Postmaster-General should from time to time appoint, and that the Postmaster-General might therein require such registration rate to be paid on the letter being put into the post office. And by section 60 it was further enacted, that in all cases in which the postage of any unstamped letter should not have been paid by the sender, it should be paid by the person to whom the letter is addressed on the delivery thereof to him, but that if the letter should be refused, or the party to whom it is addressed should be dead or could not be found, the writer or sender should pay the postage; and that the now reciting enactment should apply to every packet, newspaper, and thing whatsoever chargeable with postage, which should be transmitted by the post: And by section 63, it was also enacted, that all post letters should be posted, forwarded, conveyed, and delivered under and subject to all such orders, directions, and regulations, and under and subject to all such conditions, limitations, and restrictions as to the form, size, dimensions, enclosures, or otherwise as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury should from time to time direct.

And whereas by a certain other Act of Parliament, 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, after reciting the said hereinbefore recited Act, it was enacted by section 10 that it should be lawful for the Postmaster-General and any officer of the Post Office to detain any letters which should be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations of the said now reciting Act or the said hereinbefore recited Act, or contrary to any regulations made under the authority of the said now reciting Act or the said hereinbefore recited Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant which should be issued under or by virtue of the said now reciting Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the said hereinbefore recited Act, and