

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the City and County of the City of Edinburgh, and Liberties thereof.

Queen's City of Edinburgh Rifle Volunteer Brigade.

Robert Sinclair Smith to be Captain, vice Montgomerie, resigned. Dated 27th December, 1867.

John MacMillan to be Lieutenant, vice Hall, resigned. Dated 27th December, 1867.

Commission signed by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

2nd Cinque Ports Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Edward Hales Wilkie, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 31st December, 1867.

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

2nd Cumberland Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign James Braithwaite to be Lieutenant, vice Jackson, resigned. Dated 28th December, 1867.

James Gibson Dees to be Ensign, vice Braithwaite, promoted. Dated 28th December, 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 it is expedient to fix certain rates of postage on certain letters and packets transmitted by the post, as hereinafter respectively mentioned, 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 each 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 and 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 any place in Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, or Vancouver's Island, or posted in any place in Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, or Vancouver's Island, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in either of the said hereinbefore-mentioned colonies by packet boat via the United States of North America, here shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage of seven pence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between any place in either of the before-named colonies and any other of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and the said before-named colonies by packet boat via the said United States of North America, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such transmission thereof respectively, between the United Kingdom and the said before-named colonies, an uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

3. On every such letter so transmitted as hereinbefore in the first and second clauses of this Warrant mentioned, between the United Kingdom and the said before-named colonies, exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage herein-after mentioned; that is to say :

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

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

And 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 additional half of an ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of two ounces there shall be charged, taken, and paid one additional rate of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of an ounce in weight 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.

4. On every letter transmitted by the post between any place in either of the before-named colonies and any other of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and the said before-named colonies by packet-boat, via the said United States of North America, there shall be charged, taken and paid, over and above the uniform rates of postage payable thereupon respectively under the provisions of this Warrant hereinbefore contained, for the transmission thereof between the United Kingdom and such colonies, such further or additional rates of postage for the conveyance of every such letter between the British colony or

foreign country from or to which the same shall be forwarded and the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival or departure of the packet-boat or private ship conveying the same between such colony or foreign country and the United Kingdom as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters posted in or addressed to such colony or foreign country, and transmitted to or from such port of arrival or departure in the United Kingdom.

5. The postage of every letter posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to either of the before-named colonies, or posted in either of the before-named colonies (except British Columbia and Vancouver's Island), addressed to the United Kingdom for transmission by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, and if any such letter shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon, or with a postage paid thereon, less in amount than the rate or rates of postage to which the same would be liable, under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such letter shall (save in the case of letters posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to British Columbia or Vancouver's Island) be forwarded, charged with the deficient postage, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence, but every such letter posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to British Columbia or Vancouver's Island, shall in the like event be detained and opened, and either returned or given up to the sender thereof.

6. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to 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 to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges to which officers, seamen, and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service are by law entitled of sending and receiving letters by the post, subject to the regulations and restrictions made and in force for the time being in respect of the same.

7. All packets 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, and all packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any place in either of the before-named colonies, or posted in any place in either of such colonies, addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of either of such colonies by packet-boat, via the said United States of North America, 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 such packet an uniform rate of postage of fourpence.

8. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the seventh clause 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 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 exceeding eight ounces, and not exceeding twelve ounces in weight, three rates of postage ;

And on every such packet 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 under this clause every fractional part of every 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.

9. As to all packets hereinbefore in the seventh and eighth clauses of this Warrant respectively mentioned or referred to (except packets posted in British Columbia or Vancouver's Island) the postage thereof shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted 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).

10. If any packet hereinbefore in the seventh and eighth clauses of this Warrant respectively mentioned or referred to (except any packet posted in or addressed to British Columbia or Vancouver's Island) shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon in the mode hereinbefore required, every such packet shall be forwarded, charged with double the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been properly paid when posted.

11. If any packet hereinbefore in the seventh and eighth clauses of this Warrant respectively mentioned or referred to (except any packet posted in or addressed to British Columbia or Vancouver's Island) shall be posted with a postage paid thereon in the mode hereinbefore required less in amount than the postage payable thereon under this Warrant, every such packet shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the deficient postage, together with a further and additional rate of postage of four pence.

12. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of the seventh and eighth clauses of this Warrant (except 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, and conditions following (that is to say) :—

Every packet shall be sent open at the ends or sides, and either without a cover or envelope, 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 authorised by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.

13. Every packet consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise 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):—

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

There shall be no writing or printing upon any such packet or the cover thereof, or contained therein, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, and a manufacturer's or trade mark, and number and price of the pattern or sample, and every such manufacturer's or trade mark, number and price, shall be written or printed on labels attached to such patterns or samples, or to the bags or boxes containing the same, and not on loose pieces of paper or other material;

All such packets shall be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination, nevertheless, samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in boxes, or in bags of linen, paper, or other material, which shall be tied with a string or otherwise fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened, and closed bags, if transparent, may be used for this purpose;

No article which might injure the contents of the mail bags, or the persons of the officers of the post office, shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, nevertheless any packet containing any razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, 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 Treasury, bearing date the 28th day of November, 1844, contained to the contrary) be transmitted by the post under the authority 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 their 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.

14. No packet exceeding in length two feet or in breadth or depth of one foot shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant unless under the special authority of the Postmaster-General.

15. 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.

16. If any packet be sent or be tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant otherwise than in conformity with the provisions and regulations applicable thereto established by or under the ninth, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth clauses of this Warrant, the same shall and may (except in the cases provided for by the tenth and eleventh clauses of this Warrant), be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster-General shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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 complications (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 first hereinbefore recited Act.

20. The several rates of postage fixed by this present Warrant on the letters and packets transmitted by the post as herein respectively mentioned, shall be in lieu of any rates now chargeable by law thereon.

21. 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.

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

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

Henry Whitmore.
Gerard Noel.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having certified to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in pursuance of the Act 29 and 30 Vict., cap. 39, sec. 16, that the actual surplus revenue of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, beyond the actual expenditure thereof, for the year ended the 30th day of September, 1867, amounted to the sum of nine hundred and fifteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven pounds eight shillings and one penny.

The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt hereby give notice, that the sum of two hundred and twenty-eight thousand nine hundred and fifty-six pounds and seventeen shillings, being one-fourth part of the said surplus of nine hundred and fifteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven pounds eight shillings and one penny, will be applied under the provisions of the said Act, in the quarter ending the 31st day of March, 1868, towards the reduction of the National Debt.

A. Y. Spearman, Comptroller-General.
National Debt Office, January 6, 1868.

24 & 25 VICT., cap. 109, sec. 18.

28 & 29 VICT., cap. 121, sec. 24.

WHEREAS application has been made to me, the Right Honourable Gathorne Hardy, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by the Board of Conservators of the Wye Fishery District, situate in the counties of Gloucester, Monmouth, Hereford, Brecon, Radnor, and Montgomery, to vary the time during which it is prohibited to take salmon in such district:

I do hereby, by virtue of the provisions of the Acts 24 and 25 Vict., cap. 109, and 28 and 29

Vict., cap. 121, by this Order under my hand, vary the time during which it is prohibited to take salmon in the said district, and do order that the time during which it is prohibited to take salmon, for so much of the estuary of the River Severn on its western side as lies between Lydney Pill, in the county of Gloucester, and Collister Pill, in the county of Monmouth, which is situate within the said Wye Fishery District, be varied and extended, namely:—for not fishing from the 1st day of September to the 1st day of March following, and for angling from the 1st day of November to the 15th day of March following.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, the 6th day of January, 1868.

(Signed) *Gathorne Hardy.*

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 90.)—SCOTLAND.—WEST COAST.—HEBRIDES ISLANDS.

Ushinish Light.—East Coast of South Uist.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the light at Ushinish, East Coast of South Uist, hitherto appearing in the Admiralty Charts and Sailing Directions as a fixed white light, is a fixed red light.

By command of their Lordships,

Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
17th December, 1867.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Hebrides Islands, Western part, No. 2474; and Scotland, West Coast, No. 2635; also Sailing Directions, West Coast of Scotland, part I., page 160.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 91.)—ENGLAND.—SOUTH COAST.

Discontinuance of Temporary Light and Replacement of Buoy, Sandhead—Spithead.

WITH reference to the Notices to Mariners, Nos. 1 and 35, dated respectively 1st January and the 31st May, 1867, notice is hereby given, that from the 6th day of January, 1868, the red light exhibited from the pile pier, erected on the Sandhead, midway between Ryde and No-mansland, will be discontinued.

Also, that from the same date, the *chequered red and white* buoy, formerly in position 18 yards from the pier, will be replaced.

By command of their Lordships,

Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
23rd December, 1867.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—England, South Coast, Owers to Christchurch, &c., No. 2045; Portland to Portsmouth, No. 2450.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset House, December 30, 1867.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of the slave