

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

3rd Cambridgeshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Robert Gregory Wale, Esq., to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Viscount Royston, resigned. Dated 13th February, 1868.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has signified Her pleasure that Lieutenants Edward Muriel Martin and George King be struck off the strength of the Cambridgeshire Militia.

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

3rd Ross-shire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Henry Mackenzie Fowler to be Captain, vice Mackenzie, resigned. Dated 29th January, 1868.

Ensign John Dearnally Shaw to be Lieutenant, vice Fowler, promoted. Dated 29th January, 1868.

Peter Grant, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Shaw, promoted. Dated 29th January, 1868.

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

6th Staffordshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Henry Edwards, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Pinder, promoted. Dated 4th February, 1868.

15th Staffordshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

The Reverend John Stone, Clerk, to be Honorary Chaplain. Dated 1st February, 1868.

MEMORANDA.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Lieutenant Charles William Mansel Lewis in the Royal Carmarthen Artillery Militia.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Lieutenant James Marmont in the 3rd Regiment of Royal Surrey Militia.

The 8th Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteer Corps has been incorporated in the 26th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps, and the former Corps will cease to hold any number and place in the Volunteer Force of the Tower Hamlets. Dated 11th February, 1868.

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, and at any time thereafter, 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 to authorize the transmission of certain packets by the post between Hong Kong and Shanghai, and between Hong Kong and Shanghai and certain other ports in China and Japan, and for that purpose to fix certain rates of postage and make certain regulations in the manner hereinafter mentioned and set forth.

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, direct, and declare as follows:—

1. 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, and all packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, posted in Hong Kong, addressed to Shanghai, or posted in Shanghai, addressed to Hong Kong, or posted in Hong Kong or Shanghai, addressed to any other port in China, or any port in Japan at which the British packet boat calls, or posted in any port in China (except Hong Kong or Shanghai), or any port in Japan at which the British packet boat calls, addressed to Hong Kong or Shanghai, may be transmitted direct by British packet boat between Hong Kong and Shanghai, and between Hong Kong or Shanghai, and any other port in China, or any port in Japan at which such packet boat calls, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

On every such packet so transmitted, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of three pence;

And on every such packet 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 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 and taken 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.

2. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by the proper postage stamp or stamps being 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.

3. Every packet transmitted by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant (except packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize), 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 authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet, nor shall there be any written letter, or any written communication, in the nature of a letter in or upon any such packet, or on the cover or envelope thereof.

4. Every packet consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize 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 authorized 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's 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 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.

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

6. 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.

7. 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 hereinbefore contained the same shall (except as provided by the eighth clause of this Warrant), be chargeable and shall be treated in all respects as a letter.

8. If any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions 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 be forwarded to the address on the packet, charged not only with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of postage of three-pence, and the remainder of the packet, if duly prepaid, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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 first hereinbefore recited Act.

12. 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.

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the thirtieth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

Gerard Noel.
G. G. Montgomery.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-six, 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 it is provided that the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage should extend to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage.

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 eighty-five, 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 alter the rates of postage now chargeable upon certain letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the East Indies, and to fix certain other rates in lieu thereof, in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for that purpose vested in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, 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:—

1. On every letter, not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the East Indies, or posted in the East Indies, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any port in the East Indies, the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and any port in the East Indies by British packet-boat direct or *via* Suez, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of nine pence; and on every such letter, when conveyed *via* France and by French packet-boat, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage (British, colonial, and foreign combined), of one shilling and one penny.

2. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight transmitted by the post between any port in the East Indies and any other of Her Majesty colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed between any port in the East Indies and the United Kingdom by British packet-boat direct or *via* Suez, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for such transmission thereof respectively between the East Indies and the United Kingdom, an uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of nine pence; and on every such letter when conveyed between any port in the East Indies and the United Kingdom *via* France and by French packet-boat, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for such transmission thereof respectively, between the East Indies and the United Kingdom, an uniform rate of postage (British, colonial, and foreign combined) of one shilling and one penny.

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 East Indies, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid the several further and additional and