

*Queen's Commission.**15th Lancashire Artillery Volunteer Corps.*

Joseph Gilbey, Gent., to be Adjutant, from the 12th April, 1869. Dated 12th April, 1869.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Nottingham.**Royal Sherwood Foresters or Nottinghamshire Regiment of Militia.*

Lieutenant Percy Stanhope to be Captain, vice Jaques, resigned. Dated 28th July, 1869.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Northumberland.**Northumberland and Newcastle Yeomanry Cavalry.*

Cornet William George Woods to be Lieutenant, vice Cadogan, resigned. Dated 28th July, 1869.

Cornet John Blencowe Cookson to be Lieutenant, vice Adamson, resigned. Dated 28th July, 1869.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Aberdeen.**2nd Aberdeenshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

James Burr to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 22nd July, 1869.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lanark.**1st Lanarkshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.*

Robert Watson, M.D., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 27th July, 1869.

1st Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign David Greig to be Lieutenant, vice McCall, promoted. Dated 27th July, 1869.
Robert Bishop to be Ensign, vice Greig, promoted. Dated 27th July, 1869.

25th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Thomas Wightman Chalmers to be Lieutenant, vice Paterson, deceased. Dated 16th July, 1869.

Colin Robert Strong to be Ensign, vice Inglis, whose services have been dispensed with. Dated 23rd July, 1869.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Cornet Archibald Stein in the Lanarkshire Yeomanry Cavalry.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Stafford.**8th Staffordshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Charles James Goer, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Thornewill, resigned. Dated 16th July, 1869.

25th Staffordshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Charles Chester Mort to be Captain, vice Heath, resigned. Dated 16th July, 1869.
Ensign Frederic Drewry Mort to be Lieutenant, vice C. C. Mort, promoted. Dated 16th July, 1869.

MEMORANDUM.

Adjutant Walter Blake Burke, of the 4th Administrative Battalion of Staffordshire Rifle Volunteers, to serve with the rank of Captain, from 3rd March, 1864. Dated 5th July, 1869.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Ayr.**1st Ayrshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.*

Archibald Crawford McJannet to be First Lieutenant, vice Dichie, resigned. Dated 3rd August, 1869.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 6th ultimo.]

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Perth.**2nd Administrative Battalion of Perthshire Rifle Volunteers.*

David Buttar, Esq., to be Major. Dated 29th June, 1869.

MEMORANDUM.

Adjutant William Thomas Foster, of 2nd Royal Cheshire Regiment of Militia, to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 14th July, 1869.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, 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 to make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, 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 and fix the rates of postage upon certain letters and packets, 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, and every 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 direct as follows:—

1. On every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in Constantinople, addressed to the East Indies, China, Hong Kong, or Australia, or posted in the East Indies, China, Hong Kong, or Australia, addressed to Constantinople, and transmitted by the post between Constantinople and the East Indies, China, Hong Kong, or Australia, via Egypt (the sea conveyance being partly by Egyptian packet boat and partly by

British packet boat) there shall be charged and taken a rate of British postage of ten pence.

2. On every letter so transmitted by the post as in the first clause of this Warrant is mentioned, exceeding half 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 half 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;

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 half of an ounce in weight above the weight of two ounces, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage; and every fraction of half of an ounce above the weight of two ounces shall be charged as an additional half of an ounce, 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 half an ounce in weight.

3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by the said firstly hereinbefore recited Act, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which officers, seamen, soldiers, and others employed in Her Majesty's service are now by law entitled to 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.

4. On every packet consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, not exceeding two ounces in weight, posted in Constantinople, addressed to the East Indies, China, Hong Kong, or Australia, or posted in the East Indies, China, Hong Kong, or Australia, addressed to Constantinople, and transmitted by the post between Constantinople and the East Indies, China, Hong Kong, or Australia, via Egypt (the sea conveyance being partly by Egyptian packet boat and partly by British packet boat), there shall be charged and taken a rate of postage of one penny.

5. On every such packet consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, so transmitted by the post, as hereinbefore in this Warrant is mentioned, exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows (that is to say):

On every such packet, if exceeding two ounces in weight, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, two rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, four rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces, and not exceeding twelve ounces in weight, six rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding twelve ounces, and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, eight 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 two additional rates of postage; and

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 two ounces in weight.

6. Every packet of printed papers other than newspapers which shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant 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 other than such printed papers, nor shall there be any word or communication printed on the contents of any such packet or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon any such contents, or the cover thereof other than and except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent.

7. 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:—

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.

8. Upon every packet consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, or of patterns or samples of merchandize, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

9. 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.

10. If any packet of printed papers, other than newspapers, or patterns or samples of merchandize transmitted by the post under the provisions of

this Warrant, be sent by the post otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations established by or under the authority of this Warrant applicable thereto, the same 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 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.

11. The term "printed papers" used in this Warrant shall mean and include books (stitched or bound), pamphlets, Parliamentary proceedings, proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, periodical works, prices current, commercial lists, courses of exchange, sheets of music, prints, or printed or engraved maps, catalogues, prospectuses, announcements, and notices of every kind, whether British, colonial, or foreign, and whether printed, engraved, or lithographed; and shall also include any binding, mounting, or covering (whether loose or attached) of or upon or belonging to any printed book or publication, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any printed paper, and any cases or rollers of prints or printed or engraved maps, book markers, pencils, pens, or other articles usually appertaining to any such book, publication, or printed paper, or necessary for its safe transmission; but no packet consisting of or containing any photographs, drawings, prints, or other contents which may be obviously of an obscene character, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant; the term "East Indies," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to mean every port in Her Majesty's dominions in Asia (China, Java, Borneo, and Australia excepted); 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 Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty.

12. The several rates of postage fixed by a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 2nd day of September, 1865, on letters and packets consisting of printed papers, other than newspapers, transmitted by the post between Constantinople and the East Indies, China, Hong Kong, or Australia, via Egypt, as therein respectively mentioned, together with the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained, so far as they apply to such letters and packets respectively, are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled.

13. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, duly made at any time hereafter, to alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or any of the orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates, orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

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

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

James Stansfeld, Jr.
W. P. Adam.

Department of Science and Art,
July, 1869.

INTERNATIONAL PREHISTORIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL CONGRESS, AT COPENHAGEN, IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

THE Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on Education have received, through Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a Note from Her Majesty's Consul at Copenhagen, relating to an International Prehistoric Archæological Congress, under the special patronage of the King of Denmark, to be held at Copenhagen from the 27th August to the 3rd of September next.

The following Programme relating to the Congress has also been forwarded to the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education by direction of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:—

(Translation.)

THE fourth session of the International Prehistoric Archæological Congress will open at Copenhagen, on Friday, the 27th August, 1869.

Persons interested in the progress of science can become members by paying the subscription, which this year amounts to four risdaler, equivalent to about twelve francs or ten shillings.

The Treasurer's receipt gives to members the right of admission to the Congress, and to receive its publications. The correspondents of the Committee and all persons interested in the proposed work of the Congress are requested to aid in promoting it.

Intending members are requested to transmit as soon as possible the amount of their subscription to the Treasurer of the Congress, M. F. S. Bang, Treasurer to the Copenhagen (private) Bank, or to the undermentioned gentlemen, stating in full their name and christian name, profession, and address:—

For France, P. Calon, Consul for Denmark at Paris.

For Great Britain and Ireland, Baron C. J. Hambro, No. 70, Old Broad-street.

For Germany, C. B. Lorck, Consul-General for Denmark at Leipsic.

For Italy, Fr. Dalglas, Consul for Denmark at Leghorn.

For Russia, H. J. Pallisen, Consul-General for Denmark at St. Petersburg.

Persons proposing to take part at this meeting at Copenhagen, are requested to communicate their intentions, with as little delay as possible, to the Secretary of the Committee, M. Valdemar Schmidt, who will afford every information, and transmit to intending subscribers, under certain conditions, cards to enable the bearers to travel by railway at reduced fares.

Copenhagen being generally crowded with visitors during the summer months, the committee will undertake to procure apartments for such intending members who shall have informed the Secretary, before the 15th August, of the exact date of their arrival.

According to Article VII of the General Regulations, the following subjects will be submitted for the consideration of the Congress:—

1. Stone implements extracted from the drift and from caverns.
2. Kitchen middens, or refuse heaps (Kjækkenmøddings), and flint implements found on the coasts of Denmark.
3. The fauna of Dolmens.
4. The forms of burial of the Bronze Age.