

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of the County of York.

North Yorkshire Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant Luke Hall Kirby to be Captain, vice Smith, resigned. Dated 28th January, 1870.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain Edward Walter Greene in the West Suffolk Regiment of Militia. Dated 1st February, 1870.

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACTS, 1866 TO 1869.

IN pursuance of the above-mentioned Acts, it is hereby certified by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State entrusted with the Seals of the War Department, that the Lock Hospital, Maidstone-road, Chatham, has been provided by the said Secretary of State, as a Hospital for the purposes of the said Acts. Dated this 8th day of February, 1870.

By order of the Secretary of State for War,
(Signed) *Northbrook.*

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, 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 and powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for the purpose of facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post.

And whereas, by another 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, further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the purposes aforesaid, and it was amongst other things provided, that the Postmaster General might with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, require the postage (British, colonial, or foreign) of any letters sent by the post to be prepaid, either in money or stamps (as he might think fit), on the same being put into the Post Office, and he might also with such consent, abolish or restrict the pre-payment in money of postage on letters sent by the post either altogether or on certain letters, and might require the prepayment thereof to be in stamps, and might refuse to receive or send by the post any letters tendered contrary to any regulations made under that enactment. And it was amongst other things enacted, that the term "letter" as also the term "letters" used in that Act should be construed according to the interpretation of the term "letter" contained in the therein recited Act, passed in the eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, by which last-mentioned

Act it was enacted, that the term "letter" should include post letters and packets, newspapers, votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, and votes and proceedings of the Legislatures of any of Her Majesty's colonies or provinces, pamphlets, and other printed papers.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by a certain Warrant, dated the 16th day of October, 1857, and by divers other Warrants made subsequently thereto, fixed certain rates of postage and made certain regulations under and subject to which packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, posted in the United Kingdom might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, and by the said Warrant of the 16th day of October, 1857, the said Commissioners did order and direct that the postage of all such packets should in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by a certain Warrant, dated the 5th day of January, 1870, fixed certain rates of postage, and made certain regulations under and subject to which packets consisting of patterns or samples posted in the United Kingdom might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, and by such Warrant the said Commissioners did order and direct that the postage of all such packets should in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto.

And whereas it is expedient that the Postmaster General should be authorized to allow the prepayment of the postage upon the said respective packets to be made in certain cases in money, in lieu of stamps as required by the hereinbefore recited Warrants.

Now, we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said hereinbefore recited 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 consent, as follows:—

1. That, notwithstanding anything in the said hereinbefore recited or referred to Warrants contained to the contrary, it shall be lawful for the Postmaster General to permit the postage chargeable upon any of the respective packets hereinbefore mentioned to be prepaid in money, at such Post Office within such hours, and under and subject to all such regulations, conditions, and restrictions as he in his discretion shall from time to time think fit and direct.

2. All such packets as are mentioned in this Warrant shall remain subject in every respect (save as in this Warrant mentioned) to the several orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions now in force and applicable thereto, and the several Warrants hereinbefore recited or referred to shall (save in so far as they are or may be respectively altered or affected by this present Warrant) continue in full force and effect.

3. The 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 firstly hereinbefore recited Act.

4. 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 the regulations

hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other regulations in lieu thereof.

5. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Lansdowne.

W. H. Gladstone.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, S.W., February 3, 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of the proceeds of the cargo of a piratical junk, captured on the 27th June, 1867, by Her Majesty's ships "Havock" and "Bouncer."

Agents or other persons having any just and legal demand, unliquidated, against the said proceeds are required to transmit the particulars of any such demand to the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, in order that the same may be examined, taxed, and allowed by that officer, and paid under the sanction of the Judge of the said Court.

Due notice will be given, by future advertisements in the London Gazette, of the date proposed for the commencement of distribution; and at the same time the amount of an individual's share in the respective classes will be announced.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, Whitehall, S.W., February 5, 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of the tonnage bounty awarded for a slave dhow, name unknown, captured on the 7th September, 1868, by Her Majesty's ship "Spiteful."

Agents or other persons having any just and legal demand, unliquidated, against the said bounty, are required to transmit the particulars of any such demand to the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, in order that the same may be examined, taxed, and allowed by that Officer, and paid under the sanction of the Judge of the said Court.

Due notice will be given, by future advertisements in the London Gazette, of the date proposed for the commencement of distribution; and, at the same time, the amount of an individual's share in the respective classes will be announced.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, S.W., February 4, 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of the slave and tonnage bounties awarded for a slave dhow, name unknown, captured on the 22nd September, 1867,

by Her Majesty's ship "Penguin," will commence on Tuesday, the 15th instant, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset House."

Personal applications of persons entitled to share, and of agents and other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments, or other instruments, by virtue of which they may be legally entitled to claim the share of any captor, serving in the above-named ship, are to be made at the Prize Branch of the Admiralty, Somerset House.

Any Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other person, who may desire to receive his share from the Collector of Customs or of Inland Revenue within the United Kingdom, is required to intimate the same by letter to be addressed "On Prize Business, to the Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, S.W." (enclosing his certificate of service or an attested copy thereof, excepting in the case of Commissioned Officers),—in which letter his own place of residence is to be precisely stated, as well as the place of the nearest Collector of Customs, or of Inland Revenue, from whom it would be convenient to receive such share of prize money.

The following are the shares due to an individual in the several classes:—

	£	s.	d.
Flag	21	10	10
Commander	62	9	5
Third class	38	10	3
Fourth class	25	13	5
Fifth class	15	8	1
Sixth class	12	16	9
Seventh class	8	19	9
Eighth class	5	2	8
Ninth class	2	11	5

In Parliament—Session 1870.

Atlantic Telegraph Company.

Exchange of Capital for Stock or Shares of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited; Transfer of Telegraph Lines and Property and Mortgage Debt to that Company; Confirmation of Agreements with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited and with other Telegraph Companies; Power to enter into Agreements; Dissolution and Winding-up of Company; Amendment of Acts, &c.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the session of the present year by the Atlantic Telegraph Company (hereinafter called the Company) for an Act for the following purposes or some of them, that is to say:—

To authorize and enable the Company to exchange their existing capital stocks, both ordinary and preferential, for shares or stock of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited, on terms agreed or to be agreed or provided by the Bill, and to transfer their telegraph lines, property, rights, and privileges, and also their mortgage debt to the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited, and to authorize and enable the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited to effect and accept such exchange and transfer.

To confirm the following agreements, namely, an agreement entered into between the Company, the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited, and the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, of the one part, and the Société du Cable Transatlantique Français Limited,