

*1st West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Captain Thomas Shepherd Noble resigns his Commission. Dated 7th December, 1872.

Ensign Edward Peter Tippet resigns his Commission. Dated 7th December, 1872.

*6th West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Major Thomas Brook resigns his Commission. Dated 7th December, 1872.

Captain James Priestley resigns his Commission. Dated 7th December, 1872.

*7th West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Captain George Hird Nelson resigns his Commission. Dated 7th December, 1872.

*Admiralty, December 4, 1872.*

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have appointed John Inglefield Acheson, Esq., retired Staff Surgeon, to be Visiting Surgeon at Southampton, for the purposes of the Contagious Diseases Acts, 1866 to 1869, vice Andrews, resigned.

*July 3, 1872.*

The Lord Chancellor of Ireland has appointed Robert Benjamin Lumley, of the city of London, in the county of Middlesex, Gentleman, a Commissioner to administer oaths in Chancery in Ireland for the London District.

**THE FAIRS ACT, 1871.**

**BISHOPS STORTFORD FAIRS.**

IN pursuance of the above-mentioned Act, I, the Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, hereby notify as follows :

1. A representation has been duly made to me by the Justices sitting in Petty Sessions for the Bishops Stortford Division of Hertfordshire, that Fairs have been annually held on the eleventh day of October, on Holy Thursday, and on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, in the parish of Bishops Stortford, in the said Division of the said county, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that such Fairs should be abolished.

2. On the 4th day of January, 1873, I shall take the aforesaid representation into consideration, and all persons are to intimate, before that day, any objection they may desire to offer to the abolition of the said Fairs.

(Signed) *H. A. Bruce.*

Whitehall, December 4, 1872.

**NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.**

*Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, December 4, 1872.*

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 15th February, 1872, by Her Majesty's ship "Wolverene."

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 advertisement 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.

**INCOME TAX.**

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the division of the borough of Great Yarmouth, in the county of Norfolk, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to Her Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners for the said borough, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Police Court, Great Yarmouth, on Tuesday, the 10th day of December, 1872, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax Acts for the division of the borough aforesaid.

*H. Roberts.*

*Algernon West.*

Inland Revenue, Somerset House,  
London.

**TREASURY WARRANT.**

WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by the Post Office Acts, or any 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, order and direct as follows:—

1. The letters and packets described in the schedule hereto, may be transmitted by the post from the countries and places set forth in the first column, to the countries and places set forth in the second column of such schedule, by the routes and means of conveyance described and set forth in the third column of such schedule, at the rates of postage respectively specified in the same schedule and applicable thereto, and subject to the regulations and conditions hereinafter contained.

2. The postage chargeable under this Warrant upon letters posted in or addressed to the United Kingdom shall be prepaid.

3. If the postage chargeable under this Warrant on a letter posted in or addressed to the United Kingdom is not prepaid, the letter shall be charged (over and above such postage, credit being given for any postage already paid), with an additional rate of postage of sixpence for every such letter if transmitted via France, or with any additional rate of postage of threepence for every half an ounce and fractional part of half an ounce in weight of every such letter if transmitted via Germany and Austria.

4. Registered letters may be transmitted upon payment of such additional charges or rates of postage, or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General from time to time directs or appoints, provided that all rates of postage and additional charges or

rates payable thereupon shall be prepaid, and that no payment shall be made thereupon on delivery.

5. This Warrant shall not prejudice or affect any exemptions or privileges granted by the Post Office Acts, nor the privilege enjoyed by seamen, soldiers, and others employed in Her Majesty's Service of sending and receiving letters at a reduced rate of postage.

6. The postage of every packet posted in or addressed to the United Kingdom shall be prepaid.

7. If no part of the postage chargeable under this Warrant on a packet posted in the United Kingdom is prepaid, the packet shall be detained, opened, and returned or given up to the sender thereof.

8. If the postage chargeable under this Warrant on a packet consisting of one or more registered newspapers posted in the United Kingdom, is only partly prepaid, the packet shall be detained and returned or given up to the sender thereof.

9. If the postage chargeable under this Warrant on a packet posted in or addressed to the United Kingdom (except a packet consisting of one or more registered newspapers), is only partly prepaid, the packet shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficient postage.

10. No packet of registered newspapers shall exceed five pounds in weight.

11. The term "printed papers" used in this Warrant and the schedule hereto shall mean and include all printed books or other printed publications, printed or lithographed letters, and such artistic productions as prints, printed, engraved, or lithographed maps and photographs, which maps and photographs may be on paper, parchment, or vellum, together with any binding, mounting, or covering of, or upon, or belonging to any such article or production, or any portion thereof, and including also any cases or rollers of prints or maps, book markers (whether of paper or otherwise), or other thing usually appertaining to any such article or production, 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 also when contained in any packet consisting of unbound proof sheets only, any ordinary corrections, in writing, of such unbound proof sheets, which corrections may, if necessary, be written on separate sheets or pieces of paper annexed to such proof sheets, but shall not mean or include any photographs, drawings, prints, or other contents which may be obviously of an obscene character.

12. No packet of printed papers shall exceed three pounds in weight.

13. No patterns or samples shall be of any intrinsic value, or consist of articles or things of a saleable nature, or having a value of their own apart from their mere use as patterns or samples, but this clause shall not apply to patterns or samples consisting of scissors, knives, forks, or such like articles, or of tobacco, raw or spun silk, or coloured or twisted silk.

14. No packet of patterns or samples shall exceed eight ounces in weight, nor shall any packet consisting of raw or spun silk, or coloured or twisted silk, exceed three ounces and a half in weight.

15. No packet of patterns or samples shall contain any explosive or other dangerous material or substance, nor any sharp or pointed instrument, unless such sharp or pointed instrument be securely packed and guarded to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General, so as to ensure sufficient protection against injury to the officers of the Post Office and to the contents of the mail bags.

16. All packets shall be subject to the following further regulations, viz. :—

No packet shall exceed two feet in length or one foot in breadth or depth, unless under the special authority of the Postmaster-General.

Every 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. But samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen, paper, or other material which can be readily opened.

No packet shall contain any written letter, or written communication in the nature of a letter, either closed or open, and whether addressed to or intended for the person to whom the packet is directed, or any other person, nor any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, except that in the case of prices current, exchange lists, and trade circulars, the entry of the prices, as well as alterations in quotations, may be written, and, except that in the case of packets consisting of patterns or samples, the name and address of the sender, a manufacturer's or trade mark, and the number, price, and description of the pattern or sample may be written or printed on labels attached to the pattern or sample.

There shall be no writing, figures, or manual marks whatsoever of any description upon any packet, or the cover or envelope thereof, not authorized by this Warrant, except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent, and, except in the case of packets consisting of patterns or samples, the name and address of the sender, a manufacturer's or trade mark, and number, price, and description of the pattern or sample, but the name or title of any registered newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, news vendor, or agent by whom the same is sent, and words indicating the date on which the subscription will end may be printed on the cover thereof, and any other packet not consisting of one or more registered newspapers may have any matter or thing printed on the cover thereof.

Every packet posted in the United Kingdom shall be put into the Post Office at such hours in the day, and under all such regulations as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

17. If any packet shall be posted or transmitted by the post, otherwise than in conformity with the regulations and conditions applicable thereto hereinafter in the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th clauses contained, 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, at the option of the Postmaster-General, be either free of postage, or be charged with any rate of postage he may think fit, not exceeding the letter rate of postage.

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

19. This Warrant shall come into operation on the second day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

THE SCHEDULE.

Posted in	Addressed to	Route and Means of Conveyance.	Rates of British Postage.												
			Rates of Postage (British and Foreign combined) on each Letter.			On a Packet consisting of one or more registered Newspapers with or without a Supplement or Supplements.				On a Packet consisting of Printed Papers, other than registered Newspapers, or of Patterns or Samples of Merchandize.			On a Packet consisting of Newspapers, Printed Papers other than Newspapers, or of Patterns or Samples of Merchandize.		
			If not exceeding half an ounce in weight	If exceeding half an ounce in weight, for every half an ounce or fractional part of half an ounce		If not exceeding four ounces in weight	If exceeding four ounces in weight, for every four ounces or fractional part of four ounces		If not exceeding one ounce in weight	If exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight	If exceeding two ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight	If exceeding four ounces in weight, for every four ounces or fractional part of four ounces	If not exceeding two ounces in weight	If exceeding two ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight	If exceeding four ounces in weight, for every four ounces or fractional part of four ounces
The United Kingdom ... Smyrna ...	Smyrna ... The United Kingdom	Viâ France, in closed mails and by French mail packet boat ...	Eight pence	Eight pence	...	Per Newspaper. Two pence      Two pence		One penny	Two pence	Four pence	Four pence				
The United Kingdom ... Smyrna ...	Smyrna ... The United Kingdom	Viâ Germany and Austria, in closed mails and by Austrian mail packet boat ...	Five pence	Five pence	...	Four pence      Four pence		One penny	Two pence	Five pence	Five pence				
Any British Colony or Foreign Country } Smyrna ...	Smyrna ... Any British Colony or Foreign Country	Viâ the United Kingdom and viâ France, in closed mails and by French mail packet boat	Eight pence	Eight pence											
Any British Colony or Foreign Country } Smyrna ...	Smyrna ... Any British Colony or Foreign Country	Viâ the United Kingdom and viâ Germany and Austria, in closed mails and by Austrian mail packet boat ...	Five pence	Five pence											

And in addition the rate or rates of postage (less the British inland rate or rates) for the time being payable for the transmission of a letter of like weight posted in the same Colony or Foreign Country addressed to the United Kingdom, or posted in the United Kingdom addressed to such Colony or Foreign Country.

Posted in	Addressed to	Route and Means of Conveyance.	Rates of British Postage.											
			Rates of Postage (British and Foreign combined) on each Letter.			On a Packet consisting of one or more registered Newspapers with or without a Supplement or Supplements.			On a Packet consisting of Printed Papers, other than registered Newspapers, or of Patterns or Samples of Merchandize.			On a Packet consisting of Newspapers, Printed Papers other than Newspapers, or of Patterns or Samples of Merchandize.		
			If not exceeding half an ounce in weight	If exceeding half an ounce in weight, for every half an ounce or fractional part of half an ounce		If not exceeding four ounces in weight	If exceeding four ounces in weight, for every four ounces or fractional part of four ounces		If not exceeding one ounce in weight	If exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight	If exceeding two ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight	If exceeding four ounces in weight, for every four ounces or fractional part of four ounces	If not exceeding two ounces in weight	If exceeding two ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight
Smyrna ... ..	Any British Colony or Foreign Country ...	Via the United Kingdom and via France, in closed mails and by French mail packet boat, or via Germany and Austria, in closed mails and by Austrian mail packet boat ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Two pence	Four pence	Four pence	
British India, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, The Straits Settlements, Java, Borneo, Labuan, or the Philippine Islands ...			Smyrna ... ..	Ten pence	Ten pence	...	One penny	One penny	One penny	Two pence	Four pence	Four pence		
Smyrna ... ..	British India, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, The Straits Settlements, Java, Borneo, Labuan, or the Philippine Islands ...	Via Egypt, partly by British and partly by Foreign mail packet boat												

Posted in	Addressed to	Route and Means of Conveyance.	Rates of Postage (British and Foreign combined) on each Letter.		Rates of British Postage.										
			If not exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight	If exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight, for every quarter of an ounce or fractional part of a quarter of an ounce	On a Packet consisting of one or more registered Newspapers with or without a Supplement or Supplements.		On a Packet consisting of Printed Papers, other than registered Newspapers, or of Patterns or Samples of Merchandise.		On a Packet consisting of Newspapers, Printed Papers, other than Newspapers, or of Patterns or Samples of Merchandise.						
Malta or Gibraltar ...	Smyrna ...	Via Egypt, partly by British and partly by Foreign mail packet boat.	Four pence	Four pence	Per Newspaper.	One penny	One penny	Two pence	Four pence	Four pence					
		Via Italy, partly by British and partly by Foreign mail packet boat.	If prepaid Five pence If unpaid or insufficiently prepaid Six pence	Five pence											One penny
Smyrna ...	Malta or Gibraltar ...	Via Egypt, partly by British and partly by Foreign mail packet boat.	Four pence	Four pence											
		Via Italy, partly by British and partly by Foreign mail packet boat.	If prepaid Five pence If unpaid or insufficiently prepaid Six pence	Five pence											
		Via Italy, partly by British and partly by Foreign mail packet boat.	Four pence	Four pence											

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the thirtieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

W. P. Adam.  
W. H. Gladstone.