

Haddington, Berwick, Linlithgow, and Peebles Artillery.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel Thomas Shairp resigns his Commission, also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Regiment on his retirement. Dated 4th December, 1875.

Sub-Lieutenant Thomas Alford Houston-Boswall to be Lieutenant. Dated 28th February, 1874.

Captain Alexander Murray Brown, Royal Artillery, to be Adjutant. Dated 22nd November, 1875.

Adjutant Alexander Murray Brown to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 22nd November, 1875.

The Highland Rifle.

James Evan Fowler, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 4th December, 1875.

2nd Royal Lanark.

John Charles James Church, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 4th December, 1875.

Antrim.

George Frederick Downing Fullerton, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 4th December, 1875.

Antrim Artillery.

Captain Frederick Amelius Ogle, Royal Marines (Artillery), to be Adjutant. Dated 23rd November, 1875.

Adjutant Frederick Amelius Ogle to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 23rd November, 1875.

Carlou.

William Whitelocke Lloyd, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 4th December, 1875.

Royal South Down.

Randall Charles Annesley Howe, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 4th December, 1875.

Galway.

John Bayly, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 4th December, 1875.

Leitrim.

Sub-Lieutenant Henry Willoughby Stuart Lyons Montgomery resigns his Commission. Dated 4th December, 1875.

Limerick City Artillery.

Peter Maurice Staunton, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 4th December, 1875.

Londonderry.

Captain and Adjutant Richard Pierce Butler resigns his Commission, and is placed on a retired allowance. Dated 21st November, 1875.

Louth.

Major William Johnston Bellingham is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 4th December, 1875.

North Tipperary.

Lieutenant Edward William Connelly resigns his Commission. Dated 4th December, 1875.

George Sackville Wallis, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 4th December, 1875.

Wicklow.

Major John Stanley Howard is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 4th December, 1875.

Lieutenant Gerald Richard Brooke resigns his Commission. Dated 4th December, 1875.

YEOMANRY CAVALRY.

Denbighshire.

Sub-Lieutenant Walter Howman Buddicom to be Lieutenant. Dated 29th October, 1873.

Royal North Devon.

Hugh Fortescue, Viscount Ebrington, to be Lieutenant. Dated 4th December, 1875.

Middlesex.

Henry John Tritton, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 4th December, 1875.

Northumberland and Newcastle.

Richard Cuthbert, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 4th December, 1875.

West Somerset.

Captain Arthur Alexander Wilkie resigns his Commission. Dated 4th December, 1875.

2nd West York.

Albany Hawke Charlesworth, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 4th December, 1875.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875 (38 Vic., cap. 17).

NOTICE AS TO FEES FOR LICENSES.

IN pursuance of Section 26 of "The Explosives Act, 1875," and of Schedule 3 of the said Act, the Secretary of State for the Home Department has, with the consent of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, until further Order, fixed the following to be the fees payable in respect of licenses and continuing certificates:—

Nature of License.	Factory.	Magazine.	Importation.
Original ...	£5	£2	£1
Amending—			
Where visit to site is necessary	£5	£2	
In other cases ...	£1	£1	
Renewal when lost	5s.	5s.	10s.*
Continuing Certificate	£2	£1	

* The renewal in this case is not necessarily a renewal when lost, but a renewal on the expiration of the duration of the license.

HOME OFFICE.

Notice under "The Public Offices Fees Act, 1866."

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, hereby declare and direct, that from and after the publication of this notice, the fees for the time being payable in the Home Office, or to the officers thereof, under "The Explosives Act, 1875," shall be collected by means of stamps; and they further direct that the stamps to be used for denoting the said fees shall be impressed on forms to be provided for that purpose.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, testified by his signing the same, and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct, and declare as follows:—

1. The rates of postage and additional sum for

registration to be henceforth charged by or under the authority of the Postmaster-General (in lieu of the rates and sums now payable) in respect of postal packets conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post between the United Kingdom and Brazil, shall be the rates of postage and the additional sum hereinafter respectively mentioned, that is to say:—

(1.) On all letters posted in the several countries and places mentioned or referred to in

the first column of the Schedule hereunder written and addressed to the respective countries and places mentioned or referred to in the second column of the said Schedule, and conveyed between the United Kingdom and Brazil, either direct by British Packet-boat or via France, and by French Packet-boat, the respective rates of postage shall be those specified in the third and fourth columns of the said Schedule.

The SCHEDULE above referred to.

On each Letter.

Posted in	Addressed to	Rates of postage for every half of an ounce in weight, or for any fractional part of half of an ounce over and above the first or any additional half of an ounce.	
		If prepaid.	If unpaid or insufficiently prepaid, but in the case of an insufficiently-prepaid letter, credit shall be given for the postage prepaid thereon.
The United Kingdom	Brazil	Nine pence... ..	The rate of postage fixed by the Brazilian Government.
Brazil	The United Kingdom	The rate of postage fixed by the Brazilian Government	One shilling.
Any country comprised in the General Postal Union (see Note below), and sent via the United Kingdom...	Brazil	Eight pence (in addition to the postage payable for conveyance from such country to the United Kingdom).	One shilling and four pence.
Brazil	Any country comprised in the General Postal Union (see Note below), and sent via the United Kingdom	One penny and one half-penny (in addition to the Brazilian rate of postage payable for conveyance to the United Kingdom).	One shilling and five pence.
Any British Colony or Foreign Country except countries comprised in the General Postal Union (see Note below), and sent via the United Kingdom	Brazil	Nine pence (in addition to the postage payable for conveyance from such colony or country to the United Kingdom).	One shilling (in addition to the postage payable for conveyance from such Colony or country to the United Kingdom).
Brazil	Any British Colony or Foreign Country except countries comprised in the General Postal Union (see Note below), and sent via the United Kingdom.	Nine pence (in addition to the postage payable for conveyance from the United Kingdom to such colony or country).	One shilling (in addition to the postage payable for conveyance from the United Kingdom to such colony or country).

NOTE.—The countries comprised in the General Postal Union, and referred to in the above Schedule, are severally as follows, namely:—Germany, Austro-Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Spain, the United States of America, France, Greece, Italy, Luxemburg, Montenegro, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Servia, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey.

- (2.) On every newspaper either with or without a supplement or supplements posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Brazil, and transmitted direct by British Packet-boat, the rate of postage shall be the sum of one penny for every four ounces in weight, or any fractional part of four ounces over and above the first or any additional four ounces, or if such newspaper be transmitted via France and by French Packet-boat, the rate of postage thereof shall be the sum of two pence for every four ounces or fractional part of four ounces in weight thereof as aforesaid.
- (3.) On every book packet, and also on every pattern or sample packet posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Brazil and transmitted either direct by British Packet-boat, or via France and by French Packet-boat, the rate of postage shall be the sum of one penny for every two ounces in weight, or for any fractional part of two ounces over and above the first or any additional two ounces in weight thereof.
- (4.) The additional sum to be charged for the registration of any postal packet, hereinbefore mentioned, posted in the United Kingdom and addressed to Brazil shall be the sum of four pence, provided that all rates of postage chargeable on such packet, together with the said additional sum for the registration thereof, be fully prepaid.
2. All such postal packets as are hereinbefore mentioned, shall be posted, forwarded, conveyed, and delivered under, and subject to, the several regulations, conditions, prohibitions, and restrictions applicable thereto respectively, and hereunder written, that is to say :

General Regulations and Conditions.

- (1.) There shall not be conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post any postal packet which shall contain either gold or silver money, any jewel or precious article, or any other article liable to Customs' duties, and any such packet shall, if posted, be detained and returned, or given up to the sender thereof.
- (2.) There shall not be conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post any newspaper, packet of newspapers, or book packet exceeding two pounds in weight, nor any pattern, or sample packet, exceeding one half of a pound in weight, and any such newspaper or packet shall, if posted, be detained and returned, or given up to the sender thereof.
- (3.) There shall not be conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post (unless by the special permission in any case, or class of cases, of the Postmaster-General) any postal packet, the dimensions of which shall exceed two feet in length, or one foot in breadth or depth, and any such packet shall, if posted, be detained and returned, or given up to the sender thereof.
- (4.) There shall not be conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post any postal packet which shall contain anything which might, by pressure or otherwise, be rendered injurious, either to the officers of the Post Office or to the contents of the mail bags, nor any book packet or pattern or sample packet which shall not be securely packed and guarded in such manner as to furnish complete protection against injury to the officers of the Post Office and to the contents of the mail bags, and any such packet shall, if posted, be detained and returned, or given up to the sender thereof.

- (5.) There shall not be conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post any indecent or obscene print, painting, photograph, lithograph, engraving, book, or card, or any other indecent or obscene article, or any letter, newspaper, supplement, publication, packet, or card having thereon, or on the cover thereof, any words, marks or designs of an indecent, obscene, libellous, or grossly offensive character, and if anything shall be posted which shall *primâ facie* fall within the aforesaid prohibition, it shall be stopped and submitted at the General Post Office, in London, to the inspection of an officer duly authorised in that behalf by the Postmaster-General.
- (6.) The Postmaster-General may, in any case in which he shall consider it just or reasonable so to do, remit any postage made payable by any regulation contained in this Warrant.
- (7.) In this Warrant the expression "United Kingdom" means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

As to Newspapers.

- (8.) The regulations and conditions made and prescribed by a Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, shall in all respects apply to newspapers conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post, as mentioned and described in this Warrant.
- (9.) If any newspaper or package of newspapers be posted without the postage chargeable thereon being fully prepaid, it shall be detained and returned, or given up to the sender thereof.

As to Book Packets.

- (10.) In this Warrant the expression "book packet" shall mean and comprise not only books, but also all packets consisting of articles of the following kinds not being trade patterns or samples of merchandize, that is to say :—
- a. Paper or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing, whether such paper or other substance be plain or with anything (except a letter or communication in the nature of a letter) written, printed, or otherwise impressed thereon, and whether the same be in the form of books or in any other form.
 - b. Printed, engraved, or lithographed circulars, notwithstanding that such circulars may be letters or communications in the nature of a letter.
 - c. Photographs and other things of a like kind, when not on glass or in frames, containing glass or any brittle substance of a like kind.
 - d. Anything usually attached, or appurtenant to any of the before-mentioned articles, in the way of binding, mounting, or otherwise, and anything convenient for their safe transmission by post, which shall be contained in the same packet.
- (11.) Every book packet shall be posted either without a cover or in an open cover, and so that the same can be easily removed for the purpose of examination.
- (12.) No book packet shall be posted which shall contain anything sealed or otherwise

closed against inspection, or which shall contain any letter, or any communication in the nature of a letter, written on any part of the packet or the cover thereof (although the same may be open to inspection), or which shall contain any separate letter or communication in the nature of a letter, not being a circular within the meaning of these regulations; but any circular may bear the written signature and address of the sender, with his trade or profession and the date.

- (13.) If any book packet comprising printed papers, such as circulars, notices, and documents of a like kind be posted without the postage chargeable thereon being fully prepaid, it shall be detained and returned, or given up to the sender thereof.
- (14.) If any book packet comprising printed papers, such as circulars, notices, and documents of a like kind be sent by post otherwise than in conformity with the regulations hereinbefore contained, numbered respectively (10), (11), and (12), it shall be detained and returned, or given up to the sender thereof.
- (15.) If any book packet (except any packet comprising printed papers, such as circulars, notices, and documents of a like kind) be sent by post otherwise than in conformity with the regulations hereinbefore contained, numbered respectively (10), (11), and (12), it shall be dealt with and charged in all respects as an unpaid letter.

As to Pattern and Sample Packets.

- (16.) In this Warrant the expression "pattern or sample packet" shall comprise such articles only as consist wholly of trade patterns or samples of merchandize.
- (17.) 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.
- (18.) Patterns or samples shall, when practicable, be posted in covers open at both ends, and so that the same may be easily removed for the purpose of examination. Nevertheless, samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles as cannot be posted in open covers, may be posted enclosed in boxes, or in bags of linen or other material fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened so as to enable the officers of the Post Office readily to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.
- (19.) There shall be no writing upon any pattern or sample packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the name and the trade or profession of the sender thereof, a manufacturer's or trade mark or number, and the price of the articles, patterns or samples of which are contained therein, nor shall there be any writing or other thing enclosed in any such packet, except the name and the trade or profession of the sender thereof, a manufacturer's or trade mark or number, and the price of the articles, patterns, or samples of which are contained therein, and any such permitted writing in any such packet may be on labels attached to the patterns or samples.
- (20.) If there shall be posted any packet containing a pattern or sample of any intrinsic value, or of a saleable nature, or having a value of its own apart from its mere use as a pattern or sample, such packet shall be de-

tained and returned, or given up to the sender thereof.

- (21.) If any pattern or sample packet be sent by post otherwise than in conformity with the regulations hereinbefore contained, numbered respectively (18) and (19), it shall be dealt with and charged in all respects as an unpaid letter.

3. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

Dated this twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

*Mahon,
Row. Winn,*

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

John Manners,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 170.)—MEDITERRANEAN—ADRIATIC—
PASMAN STRAIT.

*Alteration in position and colour of Babac Island
Light.*

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 1, dated 4th January, 1875, on the establishment of a light on the west point of Babac Island, Pasmán Strait,

The Austrian Government has given notice, that the following alterations have been made in the position and colour of the light; viz. :—

The light is now exhibited from an iron stand, at a distance of about 50 yards from the keeper's dwelling, towards the point, and is visible over an arc of 253 degrees, or between the bearings of S.W. by S., through South and East, and N.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N.; it is elevated 22 feet above the level of the sea, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 10 miles.

From the 31st October, 1875, the colour of the light would be changed from a fixed red light to a fixed white light,

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation 11° Westerly in 1875.]

By command of their Lordships,

Fredh. J. Evans, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
26th November, 1875.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Mediterranean General, No. 2718 b; Adriatic, No. 1440; Dalmatian Islands, No. 2774; and Cape Promontore to Grossa Island, No. 2711. Also Admiralty Lists of Lights in the Mediterranean, &c., 1875, page 42; and Adriatic Pilot, page 150.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 171.)—WEST INDIES—HONDURAS—ROATAN
ISLAND.

(1.) *Fixed Light at Coxen Hole.*

INFORMATION has been received that a light is now exhibited from a cupola on the roof of Government House, Coxen Hole, Roatan Island.

The light is a *fixed* white light, visible seaward between the bearings of E.N.E. and W.N.W.;