

The following promotions have also been made from the same date :—

Commander Edmund Charles Drummond to be Captain in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Lieutenants :

The Honourable Algernon Charles Littleton, Sacheverel Charles Darwin, to be Commanders in Her Majesty's Fleet.

*Whitehall, November 13, 1877.*

The Right Honourable John Duke, Lord Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed Francis Travers, of the town and county of the town of Poole, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Dorset, and for the town and county of the town of Poole.

*Whitehall, December 29, 1877.*

THE Secretary of State hereby gives notice, that the London Female Preventive Reformatory, at 5, Parson's Green, Fulham, in the county of Middlesex, has been certified by him as fit to be a Reformatory School for the reception of Girls (not exceeding 12 in number), under the provisions of "The Reformatory Schools Act, 1866."

#### 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. Any postal packet may be registered at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, or in Gibraltar or Malta, or at any British Post Office in Alexandria, Beyrout, Constantinople, Smyrna, Suez, or Tangier (all of which hereinbefore mentioned Post Offices are hereinafter called British Post Offices), on delivering the same for registration to the Postmaster at any such Post Office or his Deputy when on duty at such office, or, in the case of postal packets posted in the United Kingdom, to any Rural Post Messenger when on duty, either on his outward or inward walk, and all fees, rates, or charges for registration, and all other postage payable on any postal packet delivered for registration shall be paid in stamps at the time of such delivery, and such Postmaster, Deputy, or Messenger shall give a written receipt for such packet to the person by whom the same shall be delivered for registration.

2. The registration rate or charge of postage payable on a postal packet which is registered on delivery at any British Post Office before the expiration of the time appointed for the registration at such Post Office (without payment of an extra registration fee), of postal packets intended to be forwarded by any despatch of letters therefrom, or which is registered on delivery to a Rural Post Messenger (and which registration rate or charge is hereinafter called the ordinary registration fee), shall be two pence, and shall be payable in stamps in addition to all other postage payable thereon.

3. After the expiration of the time appointed in the case of any of the Metropolitan Chief Post

Offices, or at any of the London Chief District Post Offices (including the Lombard-street, Gracechurch-street, and Charing Cross Branch Post Offices), or at any Provincial Head Post Office in the United Kingdom, for the registration at such Post Office without payment of an extra registration fee or charge, of postal packets intended to be forwarded by any despatch of letters from any such Post Office, a postal packet may during the time specially appointed for the purpose in the case of any such Post Office be registered thereat and be forwarded by such despatch on payment of a late registration fee or charge of four pence, in addition to the ordinary registration fee and to all other postage payable thereon: Provided always, that this regulation shall not apply to postal packets registered at the Chief Post Office, in St. Martin's-le-Grand, between the hours of 6 and 7.45 P.M.

4. A postal packet may be registered at the Chief Post Office, in Saint Martin's-le-Grand, between the hours of 6 and 7.45 P.M., and be forwarded by the Provincial Night Mails, on payment, between the hours of 6 and 6.30 P.M., of a late registration fee or charge of one shilling, and between the hours of 6.30 and 7.45 P.M., of a late registration fee or charge of two shillings and sixpence, in addition, in each case, to the ordinary registration fee and to all postage payable thereon: Provided, nevertheless, that no postal packet intended for transmission to any place out of the United Kingdom can be registered as aforesaid at the said office after 7.30 P.M.

5. If any article of pecuniary value enclosed in or forming part of a postal packet which was registered at any British Post Office be lost whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, through the dishonesty or negligence of any of his officers or servants, he may, on being satisfied as to the value of the article lost, pay such value (not exceeding two pounds in the case of any postal packet) to any person or persons who may in the opinion of the Postmaster-General establish a reasonable claim to compensation in respect of such loss, if the following conditions be complied with (that is to say)—

(a.) That the packet was duly delivered for registration, and all fees or charges for registration, and all other postage payable on such packet duly paid, and a receipt duly obtained for such packet in manner provided by this Warrant.

(b.) That the lost article was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope, and in the case of money (whether coins or bank notes) in an envelope specially provided by the Postmaster-General as an envelope for registered postal packets.

(c.) That the packet did not contain anything the transmission of which by post is prohibited by the regulations for the time being in force as to inland, colonial, and foreign letters respectively.

(d.) That the receipt given on the registration of the packet be forwarded together with the application for compensation.

(e.) That in case of complaint that the contents of a packet have been abstracted or lost, the envelope be forwarded, together with such application.

(f.) That the loss was not caused wholly or in part by any fault of the sender.

(g.) That the application for compensation be made by letter, addressed to the Secretary of the Post Office, within a reasonable time after the packet ought to have been delivered at its destination.

6. If any article of pecuniary value, enclosed in or forming part of a postal packet which was duly registered in any British colony or possession or foreign country comprised in the General Postal Union, in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the postal authorities of such colony, possession, or country, be lost whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, through the dishonesty or negligence of any of his officers or servants, he may, on being satisfied as to the value of the article lost, and that the loss was not caused wholly or in part by any fault of the sender, make compensation therefor (not exceeding two pounds in the case of any postal packet), in accordance with the provisions of the Convention dated the 9th day of October, 1874, and made at Berne, on behalf of the several countries, parties to such Postal Union, or of any duly authorized extension or modification of such Convention.

7. If any article of pecuniary value, enclosed in or forming part of a postal packet which was duly registered in any British colony or possession or foreign country not comprised in the General Postal Union, in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the postal authorities of such colony, possession, or country, be lost whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, through the dishonesty or negligence of any of his officers or servants, he may, on being satisfied as to the value of the article lost, and that the loss was not caused wholly or in part by the fault of the sender, make such compensation, if any, therefor as he shall think reasonable, having regard to the date of the application, and to all the other circumstances of the case, but so that such compensation shall not exceed the sum of two pounds in the case of any postal packet.

8. The word "loss" in this Warrant shall not include damage to an article which in fact reaches its destination, or destruction or loss by fire or shipwreck, or by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Postmaster-General.

9. All letters or packets posted in any British Post Office, and intended to be delivered by the post within the United Kingdom, or within any British colony or possession, and on which or the envelope or cover of which the word "registered," or any other word or phrase to the like effect or purport is written or impressed, or which contain coin, jewellery, or watches, in the case of packets addressed to a place to which such articles respectively are permitted to be transmitted by post, (all which packets are hereinafter called "postal packets subject to compulsory registration") shall be registered before the same are delivered to the persons to whom they are addressed.

10. If any postal packet which is subject to compulsory registration shall be posted in any other manner than by delivery for registration and payment of charges in manner aforesaid, no payment shall be made by the Postmaster-General in respect of the loss (if any) of any article enclosed in or forming part of such packet, and such packet shall or may, at the option of the Postmaster-General, be detained for registration at the first, or any other Post Office, through which it shall pass in the course of transmission to its destination until the ordinary despatch of letters next after that by which such packet ought, but for this regulation, to have been forwarded.

11. If any inland postal packet which is subject to compulsory registration shall be posted at any Post Office before an actual despatch of letters, but after the latest time appointed in the case of such Post Office for the receipt of registered postal

packets for transmission by such despatch, such packet (whether duly posted as a registered packet by delivery for registration and payment of charges in manner aforesaid or not) shall not be forwarded by such despatch, but shall be detained at such Post Office until the next subsequent despatch by which the same can be forwarded to its destination.

12. If any postal packet, which is subject to compulsory registration, shall be posted in any other manner than by delivery for registration and payment of charges in manner aforesaid, such packet shall be charged with a registration fee or charge of eight pence, in addition to all other postage payable thereon, but the stamps, if any, which may have been affixed to such letter or packet shall be accepted in payment or part payment, as the case may be, of such registration fee or charge of eight pence and such other postage as aforesaid.

13. The Postmaster-General may give effect to the preceding provisions as to the loss of articles enclosed in or forming part of registered postal packets out of such aids or supplies as may be from time to time provided and appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, but nothing contained in or done in pursuance of this Warrant shall render him liable either personally or in his official capacity to any action or other legal proceeding in respect of or in consequence of any such loss. And the decision of the Postmaster-General on all questions of fact arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss of any article enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet, and on all other questions whatever arising under this Warrant, shall be final and conclusive, save that the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may, if they think fit, on the application of any person interested, reverse or modify the decision and order accordingly.

14. For the purposes of this Warrant and of any document referring thereto, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man shall be deemed parts of the United Kingdom.

15. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1878.

16. The regulations for the registration of post letters transmitted between the United Kingdom and British Colonies, dated the 24th day of June, 1867, and the Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 18th day of December, 1875, and the regulations as to the registration of letters therein contained, are hereby revoked (except so far as any then subsisting orders or regulations are thereby revoked), and all other Warrants of the said Commissioners relating to the registration of letters or packets or fixing the amounts of the fees or charges payable on such registration are hereby revoked to the extent to which such Warrants respectively relate to the several matters provided for by this Warrant, but such revocation shall not take effect until the 1st day of January, 1878, and shall be without prejudice to anything previously done or suffered, or to any right or obligation previously acquired, incurred, or accrued.

Dated this twenty-ninth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

*Crichton,  
Row. Winn,*

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

*John Manners,*  
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.