

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Essex Regiment, Major John F. P. Osborne is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 12th September, 1885.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Lieutenant James Herbert Sparrow to be Captain. Dated 12th September, 1885.

3rd Volunteer Battalion, the Hampshire Regiment, Lieutenant Charles Walter Long to be Captain. Dated 12th September, 1885.

4th Volunteer Battalion, the Hampshire Regiment, Captain Frederick H. D. Eyre is granted the honorary rank of Major. Dated 12th September, 1885.

2nd Lanarkshire, Lieutenant Stephen Adam resigns his Commission. Dated 12th September, 1885.

3rd Lancashire, Surgeon Luke Fisher, M.D., is granted the honorary rank of Surgeon-Major. Dated 12th September, 1885.

6th Lancashire (1st Manchester), Colonel the Right Honourable W. C., Viscount Bury, K.C.M.G., A.D.C., to be honorary Colonel of the Corps. Dated 12th September, 1885.

7th Lancashire, Frederick William Bromley, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 12th September, 1885.

18th Lancashire (Liverpool Irish), William Douglas Lindsay White, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 12th September, 1885.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Leicestershire Regiment, Captain and Honourable Major James Johnson Gibson resigns his Commission; also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Battalion on his retirement. Dated 12th September, 1885.

Sharman Goward, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 12th September, 1885.

1st London (the City of London Rifle Volunteer Brigade), Cyril George Rigby Matthey, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 8th August, 1885.

8th (S.W.) Middlesex, Captain Wentworth Raynes Tindale resigns his Commission. Dated 12th September, 1885.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Norfolk Regiment, Captain Herbert Hartcup is granted the honorary rank of Major. Dated 12th September, 1885.

3rd Renfrewshire, Captain Alfred O'Kell resigns his Commission; also is permitted to retain his rank and to continue to wear the uniform of the Corps on his retirement. Dated 12th September, 1885.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the South Staffordshire Regiment, The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains:—

Alfred Daniel Cozens. Dated 12th September, 1885.

Herbert Edmund Proctor. Dated 12th September, 1885.

1st Stirlingshire, Lieutenant Robert Dobbie to be Captain. Dated 12th September, 1885.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Lieutenant Harvey Albert Hudson resigns his Commission. Dated 12th September, 1885.

1st (Hallamshire) Volunteer Battalion, the York and Lancaster Regiment, Captain William Eugene Millward resigns his Commission. Dated 12th September, 1885.

THE VOLUNTEER MEDICAL STAFF CORPS.

Surgeon-General Sir William Guyer Hunter, M.D., K.C.M.G., to be Honorary Surgeon-Commandant. Dated 12th September, 1885.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS under and by virtue of Treasury Warrants made in that behalf parcels may, subject to the provisions of such Warrants, be transmitted by post between the United Kingdom and the following places, namely, British India, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar, as such places are defined in such Warrants respectively.

And whereas it is contemplated under and by virtue of other Treasury Warrants to authorize the transmission of parcels by post (which transmission of parcels by post is hereinafter referred to as a Parcel Post), between the United Kingdom and other British Colonies, Possessions, or Dependencies (hereinafter referred to as British Possessions), and foreign countries respectively.

And whereas it is desirable that parcels may be transmitted by post by way of the United Kingdom between any British possession or foreign country with which a Parcel Post to and from the United Kingdom is established, and any other British possession or foreign country with which such a Parcel Post is established.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Acts relating to Her Majesty's Post Office, and 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.—(1.) The expression "parcels" and "parcel" in this Warrant respectively mean any postal packet which is posted or tendered for transmission by post as a parcel in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant, or any Warrant amending the same.

(2.) The expression "United Kingdom" includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

2. From and after the date when this Warrant comes into operation parcels may, subject to the provisions of this Warrant, be transmitted by post by way of the United Kingdom, between any British possession or foreign country with which a Parcel Post to and from the United Kingdom is established and any other British possession or foreign country with which such a Parcel Post is established.

3. The rates of postage chargeable and payable in respect of a parcel transmitted by post under this Warrant, shall be the rate or rates of postage for the time being payable on a like parcel transmitted by post to the United Kingdom from the British possession or foreign country in which the said parcel is posted, in addition to the rate or rates of postage for the time being payable on a like parcel transmitted by post from the United Kingdom to the British possession or foreign country to which the said parcel shall be addressed.

4. Every parcel transmitted by post under this Warrant shall be subject to all the provisions of the Warrants respectively relating to the Parcel Post between the United Kingdom and the British possession or foreign country in which the parcel is posted, and to the Parcel Post between the United Kingdom and the British possession or foreign country to which the parcel shall be addressed so far as such provisions are applicable

5. This Warrant shall come into operation immediately upon its publication in the London Gazette.

Dated this 8th day of September, 1885.

*W. H. Walrond,
Sidney Herbert,*

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

John Manners,

Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

*Department of the Accountant-General
of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy
Pay, Admiralty, September 7, 1885.*

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of the slave and tonnage bounties awarded for the slave dhow "Madi," one slave from the dhow "Avinde," five slaves from the dhow "Fathel Kheir," slave dhow, name unknown, five slaves out of a one canoe and one slave out of a dhow, slave dhow "Zubura," and 163 slaves, captured by Her Majesty's ship "Osprey," on 13th, 14th, and 15th May, 19th, 21st, 24th, and 28th November, 1884, cases 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, and 11, 1884, one slave out of dhow "Alai Borak," slave dhow, name unknown, and seven slaves, two slaves, captured by Her Majesty's ship "Turquoise," on 14th and 16th November, 1884, and 16th January, 1885, cases 4, 5, 1884, and 1, 1885, slave dhow, name unknown, and 154 slaves, and slave dhow, "Futch al Khair," and 51 slaves, captured by Her Majesty's ship "Philomel," on 13th and 18th October, 1884, case 1 and 1a, 1884, and 22 slaves, captured by Her Majesty's ship "Dragon," on 28th and 29th November, 1884, case 2, 1884.

Agents or other persons having any just and legal demand, unliquidated, against the award, are required to transmit the particulars of any such demand to the Registrar of the Admiralty Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, 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.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 150.) UNITED STATES—NARRAGANSETT BAY.

(1.) *Prudence Island—Fog Bell Established on Sand Point.*

THE United States Government has given notice, dated 29th July, 1885, that on the 10th of August, 1885, a fog bell struck by machinery, would be established in the bell-tower recently erected near the lighthouse at Sand Point, east side of Prudence Island, Narragansett Bay:—

During thick or foggy weather this bell will be sounded, giving a single blow at intervals of fifteen seconds.

(2.) *Rose Island—Fog Bell Established.*

Also, that on the same date, a fog-bell struck by machinery, would be established in the bell-tower recently erected near the lighthouse on Rose Island, Narragansett Bay:—

During thick or foggy weather, this bell will

be sounded, giving a double blow at intervals of fifteen seconds.

WEST INDIES—BRITISH HONDURAS.

(3.) *Belize Harbour—Fixed Light Established.*

The Government of British Honduras has given notice, that on 1st July, 1885, a fixed light was exhibited from Fort George, Belize Harbour:—

The light is a fixed red light, elevated 43 feet above the sea, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 7 miles.

The light is exhibited from a staff, 43 feet in height, painted red, white, and black in bands; the building is painted white.

Position, lat. 17° 29' 20" N., long. 88° 11' 53" W.

Also, that on the same date, the light was formerly exhibited from a flagstaff on the south side of Belize River was discontinued.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
21st August, 1885.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—

(1.) and (2.) Nantucket Shoals to Block Island, No. 2890; Narragansett Bay, No. 2892. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in the United States, 1885, Nos. 108, 105*; and Sailing Directions for the principal ports of the East Coast of the United States, 1882, page 93.

(3.) Burica Point to Mangrove Bluff, No. 587; West India Islands and Caribbean Sea, No. 763; Cape Gracias to Belize, No. 1219; Belize to Cape Catoche, No. 1204; Belize Harbour, No. 522. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in the West Indies, 1885, page 14; and West India Pilot, Vol. I, 1883, page 353.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 151.)—RED SEA—WESTERN SHORE.

Reefs in Sawákin Group.

INFORMATION has been received from the Master of the telegraph steamship "John Pender," of the existence of a reef lying to the northward of Sha'b Muncar, approach to Sawákin:—

This reef (Pender Reef) on which the least water is 3½ fathoms, stones and coral, lies with the centre of Sha'b Muncar, bearing S.E. by S. ½ S., distant 1½ miles.

Position approximate, lat. 19° 9' N., long. 37° 48' E.

Mr. Franks, commanding the British India Company's vessel "Canara," reported in 1881, the existence of a reef between Seil Addar Kebir Island and Sha'b Muncar:—

The vessel was steered to pass one mile south of Seil Addar Kebir, and after sighting Sha'b Muncar, a green patch of discoloured water was observed to the southward, extending east and west, and on which the water broke twice. When in line with Sha'b Muncar bearing S. by W. ¼ W., and Seil Addar Kebir bearing N.W. by W., the extreme ends of the patch bore S.W. ¾ S. and S. ¾ E.; the reef being assumed to be about a mile long and distant about 1½ miles from the ship.

The reef (Franks Reef) which was thus placed on the chart in lat. 19° 10' N., long. 37° 49' E. was not found during the survey made by H.M.S. "Myrmidon," in 1884.

In accordance with the amended positions assigned by the "Myrmidon" to Seil Addar Kebir and Sha'b Muncar, Franks Reef (centre) has now been placed on the charts in lat. 19° 11' N., long. 37° 49½' E.