

Captain C. C. Carter, Royal Engineers, to have the local rank of Major whilst employed as Inspector of Submarine Defences in India. Dated 2nd July, 1886.

Captain Caldwell Henry Crofton, half-pay, Royal Artillery, has been placed on retired pay. Dated 15th July, 1886.

Captain of Orderlies Francisco Fernandez, of the late Army Hospital Corps, to be placed on retired pay, with the honorary rank of Major. Dated 14th September, 1886.

INDIAN LOCAL SERVICE.

Colonel Alexander Gordon Duff, Madras Infantry, has been transferred to the Unemployed Supernumerary List. Dated 13th August, 1886.

Deputy Commissary and Honorary Lieutenant James Wright, Bombay Establishment, to have the honorary rank of Captain. Dated 1st August, 1885.

Deputy Assistant-Commissary Charles Duke, Bombay Establishment, to have the honorary rank of Lieutenant. Dated 1st August, 1885.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Captain William H. Dennehy, 6th Brigade, South Irish Division, Royal Artillery, to be Captain. Dated 8th September, 1886.

Lieutenant Richard Johnston, Captain, 9th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps, resigns his Commission. Dated 8th September, 1886.

The undermentioned to be Lieutenants. Dated 8th September, 1886 :—

Lieutenant Charles Edmond Akers, 3rd Battalion, the Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

William Angel Scott, Esq., late Lieutenant, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Lieutenant Hamilton O'Brien Ussher, 3rd Battalion the Gordon Highlanders.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lincoln.

John Compton Lawrance, Esq., Q.C., M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 2nd September, 1886.

EXCHEQUER BILLS.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice to the holders of Exchequer Bills issued under the authority of the Act 29 Vic., c. 25, and dated the 11th March, 1882, 11th March, 1883, 11th March, 1885, and 11th March, 1886, that the Interest thereon for the half-year ending on the 11th September, 1886, will be payable at the Bank of England, on and after the 11th September next; and that the Interest of such Exchequer Bills for the following half-year, to 11th March, 1887, will be at the rate of two and a half per centum per annum.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall,
September 2, 1886.

TREASURY WARRANT.

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 :—

Repeal.

1. The Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 19th day of December, 1885, and so much of the Warrant of the said Commissioners dated the 20th day of May, 1886, as relates to Parcels transmitted by post from the United Kingdom to Belgium, shall be repealed, revoked, and annulled on and as from the day on which this Warrant comes into operation.

Definitions.

2. In this Warrant :—

- (1.) The expression "Parcel" means a Postal Packet which is posted 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.

Places between which Parcels may be Transmitted.

3. From and after the date when this Warrant comes into operation, Parcels may, subject to the provisions of this Warrant, be transmitted by post between the United Kingdom and Belgium.

Rates of Postage.

4. On all Parcels transmitted by post under this Warrant from the United Kingdom to Belgium there shall be charged and paid the following rates of postage, that is to say :—

On every Parcel not exceeding three pounds in weight one shilling and three pence.

On every parcel exceeding three pounds and not exceeding seven pounds in weight one shilling and eight pence.

On every Parcel exceeding seven pounds and not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, two shillings and two pence halfpenny.

Maximum Dimensions and Weights.

5. Except by the special permission of the Postmaster-General no Parcel, the dimensions of which shall exceed in any direction two feet, or which shall exceed in weight eleven pounds, shall be conveyed or tendered for conveyance by post under this Warrant.

Prepayment.

6. The postage on Parcels posted in the United Kingdom shall in all cases (except as otherwise provided in this Warrant) be prepaid at the time of posting, by means of adhesive postage stamps, or at such Post Offices within such hours, and under and subject to such regulations as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time prescribe, in money.

Times of Posting.

7. Parcels intended to be transmitted by post, may, in the United Kingdom, be posted on any

day of the week except Sunday, but shall not be posted on Sundays, or in England or Ireland on Christmas Day or Good Friday, and in Scotland on either of the two Sacramental Fast Days, except in the cases next hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

Where the delivery of Parcels on Sundays, or any of the other days aforesaid, at certain Post Offices, to addressees calling for the same, may hereafter be specially authorized by the Postmaster-General, the posting of Parcels on Sundays, or such other days as aforesaid, at such offices respectively, shall also be permitted within such times and in such manner as may be directed by the Postmaster-General.

Mode of Posting.

8. Except as otherwise provided in this Warrant, all Parcels shall in the United Kingdom be posted by being handed in at a Post Office in the manner hereinafter provided, within the hours during which such office shall be open to the public for the posting of Parcels.

Posting at Post Offices.

9. The following provisions shall apply to the posting of Parcels at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, that is to say:—

- (1.) It shall be the duty of the person bringing a Parcel to hand it to an officer on duty at the counter in such office.
- (2.) Such Parcel must bear the name and address of the sender and the exact direction of the addressee, and must be packed in a manner adequate for the length of the journey, and for the protection of the contents. The Parcel must also be so packed as to prevent any tampering with its contents without leaving an obvious trace of its violation, and must be sealed by means of sealing wax, lead, or otherwise, with some impress or mark of the sender. Such Parcel must also be accompanied by or have affixed to it a declaration of such kind, and stating the contents of the Parcel in such manner and form, and with such other particulars as the Commissioners of Customs and the Postmaster-General may prescribe.
- (3.) Such Parcel shall be measured and weighed by such Officer, and (if such Parcel do not exceed the limits of measurement or weight hereinbefore mentioned) the postage thereof shall be pre-paid in manner hereinbefore mentioned, and shall be verified by such Officer, and no such Parcel shall be forwarded by the Post without the before-mentioned requirements being complied with; and if any such Parcel shall be left at a Post Office without such requirements being complied with, such Parcel shall be detained and may be returned or given up to the sender thereof or otherwise dealt with or disposed of in any manner authorized by this Warrant.

Collection of Parcels.

10. The Postmaster-General may, if he think fit, from time to time authorize such of his officers as he may direct to receive Parcels for the Post under such regulations and conditions as he may from time to time prescribe.

Irregular Posting of Parcels.

11. Any Packet transmissible by Parcel Post from the United Kingdom which, from any words

or marks thereon, or other external evidence, appears to have been intended for transmission as a Parcel, but which has not been tendered for transmission as a Parcel, but has been posted in a Post Office Letter Box, or otherwise than according to the manner hereinbefore prescribed for the posting of Parcels, may, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, either be detained and returned or given up to the sender, or if the said Packet is fully prepaid with the Letter or Book Packet rate of postage, and otherwise conforms to the Regulations as to the Letter or Book Post may be forwarded as a Letter or Book Packet (as the case may be).

Return and Disposal of Undelivered Parcels.

12. With regard to—

- (a.) Parcels which are addressed to a Post Office in the United Kingdom to be called for, or to a place in the United Kingdom beyond the limits of the free postal delivery of any town or district, or to a ship at any port in the United Kingdom, and which are not called for or delivered within such reasonable times as the Postmaster-General may from time to time prescribe; and
- (b.) Parcels which cannot be delivered in the United Kingdom for want of a true direction, or by reason that the addressee is dead, or cannot be found, or has refused the same, or has refused to pay any charges thereon, or for any other sufficient reason;

The following provisions shall apply, that is to say:—

- (1.) The Parcel shall, as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct, be retained at or forthwith forwarded to such place as the Postmaster-General may from time to time appoint, and may, if necessary, be there opened and examined.
- (2.) Notice shall be given to the sender through the Post Office of Belgium that the Parcel will, in default of any claim on the part of the addressee, be given up to the sender's agent upon personal application at such place as aforesaid, or, at the request of the sender, will be returned to him by post upon payment of such charges as are hereinafter mentioned.
- (3.) The notice shall state that in default of the receipt by the Postmaster-General of an application for the Parcel, during a period to be specified in such notice from some person who, in the Postmaster-General's judgment, is entitled to receive the Parcel, it will be disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may direct.
- (4.) The Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, specify in any such notice, or otherwise, the periods during which Parcels may be returned to the senders thereof, and in so doing may have regard to the nature and contents of Parcels.
- (5.) Where in the case of a Parcel which cannot be delivered for want of a true direction the sender corrects the address of the Parcel, the Parcel shall be forwarded to the corrected address, subject to the following conditions:—
 - (a.) Where the corrected address of the Parcel is within the same free delivery as the original address, and the Parcel is not, at the time of such correction, lying at a Returned Letter Office, no new charge shall be made with respect to the delivery of the Parcel.

- (b.) Where the corrected address of the Parcel is not within the same free delivery as the original address, or the Parcel at the time of such correction is lying at a Returned Letter Office, the sender shall pay a new and distinct rate of postage equal in amount to the rate of postage which would have been chargeable on such Parcel as an Inland Parcel.
- (6.) A Parcel shall not be given up or returned by post to the sender except upon payment by him of any charge for re-direction or other charge to which the Parcel has become liable under the provisions of this Warrant, or of any such Regulations as are referred to in section 14 of the "Post Office (Parcels) Act, 1882."
- (7.) Where the sender requests a Parcel to be returned to him by post, such Parcel shall not be returned to the sender except upon payment by him of a new and distinct rate of postage, according to the rates fixed by this Warrant, and all other charges to which the parcel has become liable.
- (8.) The Postmaster-General may require proof to his satisfaction that an applicant for a Parcel is entitled to receive the same.
- (9.) Where no application is made for a Parcel within the period specified in any such notice as aforesaid, or an applicant fails to prove to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General that he is entitled to receive the Parcel, or refuses or fails to pay the charges to which the parcel has become liable under this Warrant, the Parcel may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may direct or authorize.
- (10.) If at any time while a Parcel remains in the possession of the Postmaster-General, it becomes offensive or injurious to any Officer of the Post Office or other person, or to other Parcels, it may forthwith be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may in his discretion direct or authorize, notwithstanding that the provisions of this Warrant as to the return of such Parcel have not been or have only partially been complied with.

Charge for Re-direction.

13. Any Parcel may be re-directed from its original address, or any substituted address, within the United Kingdom, to any country or place with which a Parcel Post to or from the United Kingdom or Belgium is established, and in every case of such re-direction there shall be charged on such Parcel in respect of such re-direction a new and distinct rate of postage according to the rates for the time being payable in respect of the transmission of a like Parcel from the United Kingdom to the country or place to which it may be re-directed, and such postage, if not paid at the time of such re-direction, shall be collected on the delivery of the Parcel to the addressee.

14. Any Parcel may be re-directed from its original address, or any substituted address, within the United Kingdom to any other address within the United Kingdom, and in every case of such re-direction there shall be charged on such Parcel in respect of each such re-direction, and (if not previously paid) paid by the addressee thereof in money upon the delivery of such Parcel, a new and distinct rate of postage, equal in amount to the rate of postage which would have been originally chargeable on such Parcel as an Inland Parcel.

Remission of Re-direction Rates.

15. The Postmaster-General may wholly remit the rate of postage for re-direction on any Parcel addressed to the United Kingdom which may, on the request of the addressee thereof, be re-directed by an Officer of the Post Office, and again forwarded by post to the same person at any address within the limits of the same free postal delivery as the address from which such Parcel was so re-directed.

Prohibitions.

16. There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any Parcel—

- (1.) Consisting of or containing any indecent or obscene print, painting, photograph, lithograph, engraving, book or card, or any indecent or obscene article whether similar to the above or not ; or
- (2.) Having thereon or on the cover thereof any words, marks, or designs of an indecent, obscene, or grossly offensive character.
- (3.) Containing or bearing any letter or communication in the nature of a letter, or any article or thing not authorized by the Customs or other laws of Belgium.
- (4.) Consisting of or containing—
 - (a.) Any explosive substance.
 - (b.) Any dangerous substance.
 - (c.) Any filth.
 - (d.) Any noxious or deleterious substance.
 - (e.) Any sharp instrument not properly protected.
 - (f.) Except with the special permission of the Postmaster-General, any living creature.
 - (g.) Any article or thing whatsoever which is likely to injure other Parcels in course of conveyance, or any receptacle in which the same are conveyed, or an officer of the Post Office or other person who may deal with such Parcel.

Any such Parcel, if posted or tendered for conveyance by post may be detained, and either returned or given up to the sender thereof or dealt with or disposed of in such other manner as may be authorized by the Postmaster-General.

17. There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any Parcel consisting of or containing two or more Parcels or other Postal Packets (of the same or of different descriptions) addressed to different persons at different addresses, and any such Parcel if posted or tendered for conveyance by post may be detained and either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or dealt with or disposed of as the Postmaster-General may authorize.

Non-compliance with Regulations.

18. In any case not in this Warrant expressly provided for, where any Parcel shall be posted or tendered for conveyance by post which in any respect infringes or fails to comply with the Regulations in this Warrant contained, or any of them, such Parcel may, at the option of the Postmaster-General, either be dealt with as in this Warrant provided, with reference to Parcels which cannot be delivered, or be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may in his discretion direct or authorize.

Provision for safety of Parcels.

19. In any case where any officer of the Post Office may find it necessary or expedient for the safety or protection of Parcels that any Parcel should be forwarded or delivered by some later despatch or delivery than that for which the same was posted or despatched, or intended to be posted or despatched respectively, he may delay the

despatch or delivery of such Parcel, or make such other and special arrangements as to the despatch or delivery thereof, not, however, involving a greater delay than 24 hours in the whole, as may be deemed by such officer necessary or expedient in the circumstances of the case.

Parcels not to interfere with Letter Post.

20. Where the despatch or delivery from a Post Office in the United Kingdom of letters would be delayed by the despatch or delivery therefrom at the same time of Parcels, such Parcels, or any of them, may be detained in the Post Office until the despatch or delivery next following that by which they would ordinarily be despatched or delivered.

Postmaster-General not liable for Loss or Damage.

21. Nothing contained in or done under or in pursuance of this Warrant shall render the Postmaster-General liable, either personally or in his official capacity, to any action or other legal proceeding in respect of or in consequence of any loss or damage of any Parcel, whether such loss or damage be occasioned by or arise from any act or neglect of any officer of the Post Office or any other person.

Customs Regulations.

22. Parcels intended to be transmitted by post under the provisions of this Warrant shall not be posted, forwarded, conveyed, or delivered, except subject to such Regulations as are referred to in section 14 of "The Post Office (Parcels) Act, 1882."

Remission of Postage.

23. The Postmaster-General may, in any case in which he may consider it just or reasonable so to do, remit any postage or any sum made payable under this Warrant.

Commencement of Warrant.

24. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

Dated this thirtieth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

W. H. Walrond,

Herbert Fustace Maxwell,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Henry Cecil Raihes,

Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

THE FAIRS ACT, 1873.

GREAT TORRINGTON FAIRS.

WHEREAS a representation has been duly made to the Right Honourable Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, as Secretary of State for the Home Department, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Great Torrington, as owners, that Fairs have been annually held within the borough of Great Torrington, on the 4th day of May and the two following days, and on the eve of the 10th day of October and two following days, respectively, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the days for holding the said Fairs should be altered, and that instead of being held as aforesaid, such Fairs should in future be held on the first Thursday and two following days in the month of May, and the second Thursday and two following days in the month of October in each year:

And whereas notice of the said representation and of the time when I should take the same into consideration has been given to the Justices of the borough of Great Torrington, and otherwise published in pursuance of "The Fairs Act, 1873:"

And whereas on such representation and consideration it appears to me that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the times for the holding of the said Fairs should be altered as proposed:

Now, therefore, I, as the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Fairs Act, 1873," do hereby order that the days shall be altered for the holding of the Fairs which have heretofore been annually held at Great Torrington, on the 4th day of May and the two following days, and on the eve of the 10th day of October and two following days, respectively, and that such Fairs shall in future be held on the first Thursday and two following days in the month of May, and the second Thursday and two following days in the month of October in each year.

Given under my hand, at Whitehall, this 1st day of September, 1886.

Henry Matthews.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 203.)—MEDITERRANEAN.—GREECE—
TALANTA CHANNEL.

Fixed Red Light on Kaki Kéfali.

THE Hellenic Government has given notice, dated 15th July, 1886, that on the 1st August, 1886, a light would be exhibited from a lighthouse erected on Kaki Kéfali, northward of Euripo, in Talanta Channel:—

The light is a fixed red light, elevated 68 feet above the sea, and visible, in clear weather, through an arc of 270°, or between the bearings of North, through South and West, from a distance of 14 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the fourth order.

The lighthouse, 40 feet high, rises above the keeper's dwelling, situated 40 yards within the point.

Position, lat. 38° 28½' N., long. 23° 36½' E.

[The bearings are magnetic, and are given from seaward. Variation 6° Westerly in 1886.]

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

21st August, 1886.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Mediterranean Sea, Eastern part, No. 2158*b*; Archipelago, No. 2836*b*; Talanta Channel, No. 1554*b*; Town and Strait of Euripo, No. 2802. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in the Mediterranean, &c., 1886, page 52, and Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. IV, 1882, page 250.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 204.)—AFRICA—SOUTH COAST.

MOSSEL BAY.

Aliwal Harbour—Leading Lights and Weather Signals.

INFORMATION has been received that two leading lights are now exhibited at the town of Aliwal, in Mossel Bay. The lights are, a fixed red light on the head of the harbour mole, and a fixed green light on a white mast or beacon on the land southward of it.

These lights kept in line, bearing S.W. by S., lead to good anchorage, in fine weather, in 5½ fathoms off the town of Aliwal, with the following bearing:—

Cape St. Blaize Lighthouse, S. ½ W.

Warehouse, W. by N.

Also, that the following warning signals are made from the shore at Aliwal, when bad weather