

Whitehall, April 5, 1888.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to grant unto Charles Hunt, of Caldwell, in the parish of Holy Cross, Pershore, in the county of Worcester, Gentleman, eldest surviving son of George Hunt, of the parish of Naunton Beauchamp, in the said county, Gentleman, deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will and testament of George Whitaker Wilson, late of Caldwell aforesaid, and also of Pershore aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, take, use, and bear the surname of Whitaker in lieu of that of Hunt.

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's said College of Arms.

*Education Department, Whitehall,
April 11, 1888.*

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued an order this day for the compulsory formation of a School Board in the undermentioned Parish:—

Dethwick-Lea and Holloway ... Derby

*Education Department, Whitehall,
April 12, 1888.*

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued an order this day for the compulsory formation of a School Board in the undermentioned Parish:—

Bromley Kent

(H. 2419.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, April 10, 1888.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch, dated 29th February last, from Her Majesty's Consul-General at Baghdad, notifying the removal of quarantine from Bussorah.

(H. 2445.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, April 12, 1888.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the following copy of a Telegram, dated 10th instant, from Her Majesty's Representative at Washington:—"Quarantine stations, Louisiana, all ships arriving to be subject to inspection, ships from inter-tropical ports to be subject to thorough maritime sanitation, five days' detention for ships from infected or suspected ports."

Admiralty, 9th April, 1888.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Major Robert Walker Heathcote has been placed on the Retired List, at his own request. Dated 7th April, 1888.

Admiralty, 10th April, 1888.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Paymaster Charles de Blaquiére Stewart has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 6th April, 1888.

Royal Marine Artillery.

Captain Thomas Moore reverts to the Establishment, from the Seconded List, having been superseded as Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces, his term of service in that appointment having expired. Dated 1st April, 1888.

Admiralty, 12th April, 1888.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of 22nd February, 1870, and 29th November, 1879—

Lieutenant Francis Hay Chapman has this day been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury give notice, under 38 and 39 Vict., c. 45, Section 8, "National Debt (Sinking Fund) Act, 1875," that £1,000,000 on account of the Old Sinking Fund for 1887-88, will be issued in the current quarter to the National Debt Commissioners.

Treasury, April 13, 1888.

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 November, 1887, and relating to the transmission by post of Parcels between the United Kingdom and Switzerland, by way of France, shall be repealed, revoked, and annulled on and as from the day on which this Warrant shall come 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 Switzerland by way of France.

Rates of Postage.

4. On all Parcels transmitted by post under this Warrant from the United Kingdom to Switzerland, 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 shillings and six pence.

And on every Parcel exceeding three pounds and not exceeding seven pounds in weight—two shillings.

Maximum Dimensions and Weights.

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

6. No Parcel which shall exceed seven pounds in weight shall be conveyed or tendered for conveyance by post under this Warrant.

Prepayment.

7. The postage chargeable according to the rate hereinbefore mentioned shall in all cases (except as otherwise provided in this Warrant),

be prepaid at the time of posting, and such prepayment shall, in the United Kingdom, be effected 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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, according to the rate hereinbefore mentioned, shall be prepaid as 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.

11. The Postmaster-General may, if he thinks 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 Switzerland 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 redirection 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.

14. 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 Switzerland 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.
- (4.) Containing any article or thing not authorized by the Customs or other laws of Switzerland or France.
- (5.) 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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 shall 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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.

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

Dated this twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

*W. H. Watford,
Herbert Eustace Maxwell,
Two of the Commissioners of Her
Majesty's Treasury.
Henry Cecil Raihes,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.*

**NATIONAL DEBT (CONVERSION)
ACT, 1888.**

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of the provisions of the National Debt (Conversion) Act, 1888, the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have made the following regulations, whereby the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales may, on behalf of trustees or persons acting in the administration of a charity to which Consolidated £3 per cent. Stock or Reduced £3 per cent. Stock, standing in the name of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds belongs, consent to the exchange of such stock for new stock created under the said Act, unless dissent from such exchange is signified within the time and in the manner hereinafter fixed, viz. :—

1. Trustees or persons acting in the administration of a charity to which any Consols or Reduced £3 per Cents. standing in the name of the Official Trustees belong, who desire to dissent from the exchange of such Stock, must signify their dissent to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales (Whitehall, London), not later than the 31st May, 1888.

2. Where no such dissent is signified, the said Charity Commissioners may consent to such exchange on behalf of the said Trustees or persons.

3. The dissent of the said Trustees or persons, if unincorporated, must be signified either—(a.) by writing under the hands of a majority of the said Trustees or persons; or (b.) by writing signed by any person authorized in that behalf by a resolution passed by a majority of such Trustees or persons who are present at a meeting of their body duly constituted, and who vote on the question.

4. The dissent of the said Trustees or persons, if incorporated, must be signified in writing under the common seal of the corporate body.

Treasury Chambers, April 7, 1888.

Civil Service Commission, April 11, 1888.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that the Candidates hereinafter named have passed the Preliminary Examination for the situation of Extra Assistant Examiner of Binding in Her Majesty's Stationery Office, held in London, on the 10th April, 1888, under the Regulations dated 4th January, 1884 :—

Crane, Thomas Charles
Honan, Hugh
Honeyman, James Frederick Spencer
Mather, James Robinson
Parker, Thomas Lambert
Rawles, Arthur Lance
Rose, George Dyer
Shipton, George Binge
Webb, Frederick George

Civil Service Commission, April 13, 1888.

THE following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names :—

April 9, 1888.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Post Office: Postmen, London, Arthur Thomas Bartlett, Thomas Glover.

Postman, Edinburgh, James Morris.

Skilled Telegraphist, Stephen Boshell.

Sorting Clerk and Telegraph Learner, Burnley, Peter Lawson.

Postmen, William Herbert Bell (Douglas, Isle of Man), Frederick James Dixon (Rochester), Herbert William Draper (Tunbridge Wells), Richard David Evans (Welshpool), John Farrell (Clonmel), James McCann (Londonderry), John Edward Pumfrey (Oxford).

UNDER CLAUSE VII OF THE ORDER IN COUNCIL OF 4TH JUNE, 1870.

Consular Service: Constable in Her Majesty's Legation at Tokio, Angus Macdonald.

Customs: Clerks, Lower Division, Edmund Ford, Charles King, Henry George Pratt.

April 10, 1888.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

British Museum: Boy Attendant, Walter Cecil Barker.

Prisons Department, England: Subordinate Officer, Division I, Frederick Porter.