

Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment), Eustace Clare Atkinson, in succession to Lieutenant H. FitzHerbert, promoted.

The King's (Shropshire Light Infantry), Edward Bourryau Luard (Honorary Queen's Cadet), in succession to Lieutenant J. R. O'Connell, seconded.

The Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regiment), Henry Joseph de Barry Barnett (Honorary Queen's India Cadet), vice L. J. G. Lavie, seconded.

John Wilson, in succession to Lieutenant A. E. Longden, seconded.

The Highland Light Infantry, Allan Maxwell Cowie, vice C. J. Hogarth, resigned.

The Royal Irish Rifles, Alfred William Fortescue Knox, vice P. G. W. Eckford, seconded.

Princess Victoria's (Royal Irish Fusiliers), John William Moore Morgan, vice F. P. A. Hardy, seconded.

The Connaught Rangers, Edward Fitzherbert Despard, vice E. W. Keily, seconded.

The Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own), Arthur William de Erito Savile Foljambe, in succession to Lieutenant R. J. Strachey, seconded.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant and High Steward of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Gordon Maitland the younger to be Deputy Lieutenant.

General the Honourable Alexander Stewart to be Deputy Lieutenant.

24th April, 1891.

INLAND REGISTRATION AND PARCELS. TREASURY WARRANT.

WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by the Post Office Acts, or any of them, and of all other 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:—

Short Title.

1. This Warrant may be cited as the Inland Registration and Parcels Warrant, 1891.

Construction.

2. This Warrant shall be read as one with the Warrant, dated the 2nd day of April, 1886, and relating to Inland Postal Packets, and the Warrants amending the same.

Definition.

3. In this Warrant the expression "Postal Packet" includes a Pattern Packet and a Sample Packet as defined by the Warrant of the 17th November, 1888, and any Warrants amending the same.

Repeals.

4. On and as from the day upon which this Warrant comes into operation the Warrants specified in the Schedule hereto shall be repealed to the extent shown in the said Schedule.

Compensation for loss or damage of Parcels.

5. If any article of pecuniary value enclosed in or forming part of a Parcel be lost or damaged

whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, the Postmaster-General may pay to any person or persons who may, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances) such sum not exceeding two pounds in respect of such parcel as he may think just.

REGISTRATION.

Postal Packets may be registered.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant any Postal Packet may be registered.

Rules as to Registration.

7. The following rules shall apply to the registration of Postal Packets:—

(1.) The Packet must be posted by—

(a.) being handed for registration to an Officer on duty at a Post Office; or

(b.) being handed for registration to a Rural Post Messenger when on duty on his outward or inward walk, or to some other Officer of the Post Office authorized to receive Packets for registration, though not on duty at a Post Office.

(2.) All sums chargeable on the registration of the Packet and all postage chargeable thereon must be prepaid at the time of posting.

(3.) On the posting of the Packet a Certificate of posting, bearing thereon an acknowledgment that the registration fee has been paid must be obtained. This Certificate must be filled up and signed by the Officer of the Post Office receiving the Packet.

Registration Fees.

8. For the registration of Postal Packets there shall be charged and paid the following sums, that is to say:—

(1.) When the Packet is registered by being handed to an Officer of the Post Office authorized to receive the same, though not on duty at a Post Office, or when the Packet is registered at a Post Office before the expiration of the time appointed for the registration at such Post Office (without extra fee) of Postal Packets intended to be forwarded by the next despatch therefrom the sum of two pence (hereinafter called the ordinary registration fee).

(2.) When the Packet is registered at a Post Office after the expiration of the time appointed for the registration at such Post Office (without extra fee) of Postal Packets intended to be forwarded by the next despatch therefrom, but within such further time (if any) as the Postmaster-General may from time to time provide with reference to such office, such extra sum in addition to the ordinary registration fee as the Postmaster-General may prescribe. Provided that

(a.) In the case of the Chief or Head Post Office in London such sum shall not exceed one shilling; and

(b.) In the case of any other Post Office such sum shall not exceed fourpence.

Compulsory Registration of certain Packets.

9. All Postal Packets on which or the envelope or cover of which the word "registered," or any word or phrase to the like effect or purport is written or impressed, or which contain coin, jewellery, or watches (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, and may be detained

for that purpose at any Post Office through which they shall pass until the ordinary despatch of Packets next after that by which such Packets ought otherwise to have been forwarded.

Detention of Packets subject to Compulsory Registration.

10. If any Postal Packet which is subject to compulsory registration shall be posted at any Post Office before an actual despatch of Postal Packets of the same description, but after the latest time appointed in the case of such Post Office for the receipt of Registered Postal Packets of the same description 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.

Registration Fee on Packets compulsorily Registered.

11. If any Postal Packet which is subject to compulsory registration shall be posted in any other manner than that prescribed by this Warrant for the posting of Registered Postal Packets, 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.

Compensation for Loss and Damage of Articles in Registered Postal Packets.

12.—(1.) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, and of the said Warrant of the 2nd day of April, 1886, if any article of pecuniary value enclosed in, or forming part of, a Registered Postal Packet, be lost or damaged whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, the Postmaster-General may pay to any person or persons who may, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances) such sum as he may think just, provided that—

(a.) If only the postage and registration fee payable in respect of the said Postal Packet have been paid by the sender, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of £5.

(b.) If in addition to the postage and registration fee as aforesaid the sum of one penny has been paid by the sender in respect of such Postal Packet, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of £10.

(c.) If in addition to the postage and registration fee as aforesaid, the sum of two pence has been paid by the sender in respect of such Postal Packet, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of £15.

(d.) If, in addition to the postage and registration fee as aforesaid, the sum of three pence has been paid by the sender in respect of such Postal Packet, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of £20.

(e.) If, in addition to the postage and registration fee as aforesaid, the sum of four

pence has been paid by the sender in respect of such Postal Packet, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of £25.

(2.) The compensation payable in respect of a registered Parcel shall be in substitution for, and not in addition to, any compensation which would have been payable under this Warrant in case the Parcel had not been registered.

Compensation not payable in respect of Packets posted without compliance with Registration Rules.

13. If any Postal Packet which is subject to compulsory registration shall be posted without compliance with the rules applicable to the registration of Postal Packets no claim to compensation will be considered by the Postmaster-General to arise under this Warrant in respect of the loss or damage (if any) of any article enclosed in or forming part of such Packet.

Compensation may be paid out of Aids provided by Parliament.

14. The Postmaster-General may give effect to the provisions of this Warrant as to the loss or damage of articles enclosed in or forming part of registered Postal Packets and unregistered Parcels 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 under or 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 or damage. And the decision of the Postmaster-General on all questions arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss or damage of any article enclosed in or forming part of a registered Postal Packet or unregistered Parcel shall be final and conclusive.

Acknowledgment of Delivery of Postal Packet.

15. Subject to such Rules as the Postmaster-General may from time to time prescribe, the Postmaster-General may, at the request of the sender of a Registered Postal Packet and on prepayment by such sender of the sum or fee of two pence, obtain and forward to such sender an acknowledgment or certificate of the delivery of the Postal Packet at the place to which the said Packet is addressed.

Commencement of Warrant.

16. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

Date.

Dated this 24th day of April, 1891.

Sidney Herbert,

Herbert Eustace Maxwell,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Henry Cecil Raikes,

Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

THE SCHEDULE.

Date of Warrant.	Extent of Repeal.
2nd April, 1886 ...	Clauses 52, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, and 67
12th December, 1887, relating to Inland Postal Packets	The whole Warrant