

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Hertford.

Northern Troop of Hertfordshire Yeomanry Cavalry.

Cornet George Devins Wade to be Lieutenant, vice Curling, resigned. Dated 9th November, 1853.

Quartermaster James Smyth to be Cornet, vice Wade, promoted. Dated 9th November, 1853.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

1st Regiment of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Militia.

William Lindsey Patterson, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 1st November, 1853.

4th Royal Lancashire Light Infantry Militia.

Lieutenant Henry Myers to be Captain, vice Robson resigned. Dated 2nd November, 1853.

Ensign Robert Mather to be Lieutenant, vice Myers promoted. Dated 2nd November, 1853.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex.

4th or Royal South Middlesex Regiment of Militia.

Augustus Henry Stephens, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 4th November, 1853.

5th or Royal Elthorne Light Infantry Regiment of Middlesex Militia.

James Peters, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 4th November, 1853.

[The following Article is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 25th October last.]

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.

King's Own Light Infantry Regiment of Militia.

Frederick Solly Gosling, Gent., to be Ensign.

[This Article is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 1st November.]

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

Northumberland Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant William Ker Gray, Gent., to be Captain. Dated 27th October, 1853.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, by warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage, or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or of any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such warrant, and from time to time, by warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof; and from time to time, by warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by

another Act, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post-office:" And whereas by certain Warrants respectively, under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and dated respectively the 19th day of December, 1850, the 2nd day of June, 1851, the 11th day of August, 1851, the 30th day of January, 1852, the 6th day of February, 1852, the 24th day of April, 1852, the 6th day of May, 1852, the 18th day of January, 1853, the 24th day of January, 1853, the 9th day of March, 1853, the 12th day of July, 1853, and the 25th day of July, 1853, printed books, printed magazines, printed reviews, and printed pamphlets, are authorized to be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Colonies therein respectively mentioned at reduced rates of postage; and it is directed by the said Warrants respectively, that as to any such packet which should be posted in the United Kingdom, the postage thereof should in every case be pre-paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper British postage-stamp or stamps affixed thereto, on the outside of every such packet; and it is further directed by the said Warrants respectively, that every such packet should be sent without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides, and should contain printed matter only, with the binding thereof, and that there should be no writing or marks upon the cover or envelope thereof, or upon or within any part of the contents thereof, other than the name and address of the person to whom the packet should be sent; and it is further directed by the said Warrants respectively, that if (amongst other things) any packet sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions thereof, should have any writing or marks upon the same, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, except the name and address of the person to whom it was forwarded, or if the postage of any such packet posted in the United Kingdom should not be duly and properly pre-paid by British stamps when posted, the same should and might be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, should be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it should be addressed, or forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, should be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter: And whereas it is expedient to alter the said regulation and prohibition, so far as respects the packets next hereinafter mentioned:

1. Now we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, by this warrant, under our hands, order and direct that any packet sent by the post under the said recited warrants, or any of them, from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, may, in addition to the name and address of the person to whom the same shall be sent, have printed or written thereon, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, the words "On Her Majesty's Service," and also the name of the department or

public office from which the same shall be forwarded, together with the name of any public officer, employed in or belonging to any such department or office who may be authorised to affix his name to letters and packets sent by the post, as a certificate that they are on the public service, notwithstanding the prohibition in the said several Warrants respectively in that behalf contained.

2. And we further order and direct that it shall not be necessary for the postage of any such packet, sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent, by the post, from any such department or office as hereinbefore mentioned; to be pre-paid by British stamps when posted; but every such packet shall be forwarded post-paid, and the postage thereof shall be charged in the postage account between the General Post-office and the department or office from which the packet shall be sent.

3. And we further order and direct that if any such packet, sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent, by the post, from any such department or office as hereinbefore mentioned, shall have any writing or marks upon the same, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, except the name and address of the person to whom it is forwarded, and the words "On Her Majesty's Service," and the name of the department or public office from which the same shall be forwarded, with the name of any public officer, employed in or belonging to any such department or office, who may be authorised to affix his name to letters and packets sent by the post, as a certificate that they are on the public service, the same shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, and, at the option of the Postmaster General, shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such last-mentioned packet, on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

And whereas by the said Warrants, dated the 6th day of February, 1852, the 6th day of May, 1852, the 24th day of January, 1853, and the 9th day of March, 1853, it was declared that the term "by the post," used therein, should include the conveyance from and to the United Kingdom, to and from Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, and New South Wales, through Egypt, so long as no transit rate of postage were payable thereon.

4. Now we further direct that the term "by the post," used in the said last-mentioned Warrants respectively, shall no longer include the conveyance through Egypt; and that no packets transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, or New South Wales, under such respective Warrants, shall be sent through Egypt; and that any packets transmitted by the post from Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, or New South Wales to the United Kingdom under the said respective Warrants, via Egypt, shall be charged and chargeable with the full letter rates of postage.

5. And we further direct, that in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law, on printed newspapers, printed prices current, printed commercial lists and courses of exchange (British, Colonial, or Foreign), transmitted by the post between France and the East Indies, or China, or Australia, without passing through the United Kingdom, the same shall be chargeable with a British rate of one halfpenny each, provided the sea conveyance be by packet-boat and they be forwarded in conformity with all the conditions,

regulations, and restrictions in the said Act, passed in the 4th year of the reign of Her present Majesty contained, in respect of printed newspapers sent by the post; and if not so forwarded, we direct that the same shall be charged with the full letter rates of postage.

And whereas, by a Warrant under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 10th day of June, 1853, it was directed, amongst other things, that the rate of postage chargeable under the regulations of such Warrant on any publication posted within the United Kingdom should be pre-paid on the same being posted, not in money, but by a postage stamp affixed outside the publication, or the band or cover thereof.

6. Now we do further direct, that the rate of postage chargeable under the regulations of the said last-mentioned Warrant, on any publication sent by the post of any post town in the United Kingdom, addressed to a person within the limits of the same post town, may, at the option of the sender, be pre-paid, on the same being posted, by a postage stamp affixed outside the publication, or the band or cover thereof; or if such publication be posted at the Chief Office in London, before 5 p.m. in the day, addressed to any person within the limits of the free delivery of that office, the postage thereof may, at the option of the sender, be pre-paid, on the same being posted, either in money or by a postage stamp affixed as aforesaid; and if the postage of any such respective publication as hereinbefore in this clause mentioned be not so pre-paid as aforesaid, the same shall be charged to the person to whom the publication shall be addressed, and that the rate of postage chargeable under the regulations of the said last-mentioned Warrant on any publication posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to a foreign country, or to any of Her Majesty's colonies, shall be pre-paid on the same being posted, either in money or by a postage stamp affixed outside the publication, or the band or cover thereof.

7. And we further order and direct, that if the postage chargeable under the regulations of the said recited Warrant of the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, on any publication posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to a foreign country, or to any of Her Majesty's Colonies, which by virtue of this Warrant is required to be pre-paid, on the same being posted, either in money or by a postage stamp affixed outside the publication, or the band or cover thereof, shall not be so pre-paid, on the same being posted, every such last-mentioned publication or packet shall be detained and sent to the Dead Letter Office, to be treated in the same manner as if it were a newspaper sent to that office for a similar cause.

8. And we further order and direct, that in case any publication shall be sent by the post under the said recited Warrant of the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, from one town or place to another town or place within the United Kingdom, or by the post of any post town in the United Kingdom, addressed to a person within the limits of the same post-town, in a band or cover open at the sides or ends, with any word or communication printed on such band or cover, or any writing or marks upon it, except the name and address of the person to whom sent, and the printed name and address of the newsvender who shall send it, every such publication or packet (in lieu of any postage to which the same would be liable under the said last-mentioned Warrant) shall be charged and chargeable

with the like rate of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

9. And we further direct, that this Warrant, so far as respects any packets which shall be transmitted by the post from Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, and New South Wales, to the United Kingdom, under the said respective Warrants of the sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, the sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, the twenty-fourth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and the ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, shall come into operation on the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and that in all other respects this Warrant shall come into operation on the day of the date hereof.

10. And we further order and direct, that the term "East Indies," used in the fourth and ninth clauses of this Warrant, shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as the same is declared to have in the said recited Warrant of the twenty-fourth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; and that the term "East Indies," used in the fifth clause of this Warrant, and the several other terms and expressions used in this Warrant, shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

11. Provided lastly, and we do hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by Warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby fixed or altered, or the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the fifth day of November, 1853.

Elcho.
W. E. Gladstone.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of the Act of Parliament 7th and 8th William 4th, and 1st Victoria, chapter 73, intituled "An Act for better enabling Her Majesty to confer certain powers and immunities on trading and other Companies," an application has been made to Her Majesty, to grant a Charter of Incorporation

to "The Magdalena Steam Navigation Company," to be incorporated for the purposes, firstly, of establishing an efficient system of steam vessels, for the navigation of the rivers Magdalena and Atrato, in South America, and their tributaries and waters adjacent; secondly, of improving, perfecting and establishing the water communication between the river Magdalena and the Ocean; thirdly, of improving and perfecting the land communication between the said river and the city of Bogota, or any other principal towns near the said river (the adoption of the two last-mentioned undertakings to be optional only); with liberty, fourthly, to acquire and work coal mines, in South America, for the purposes of the Company; and, fifthly, to extend the steam operations of the Company to other South American waters, or to ocean traffic, if the same should appear advantageous, and be resolved upon by a general meeting of the Company; and that such application has been referred by Her Majesty to the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 1853.

Maples, Maples, and Pearce, Solicitors, 6, Frederick's-place, Old Jewry.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the British Possessions in AMERICA, Computed from the RETURNS made in the Week ending the 8th day of November, 1853.

Is Twenty-two Shillings and Ten Pence per Hundred Weight;

Exclusive of the Duties of Customs paid or payable thereon on the IMPORTATION thereof into GREAT BRITAIN;

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the MAURITIUS, Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,

Is Twenty-two Shillings and Eleven Pence. per Hundred Weight;

No Return has been made of the sale of BROWN or MUSCOVADO SUGAR, the Produce of the EAST INDIES, in the Week ending as above.

The AVERAGE PRICE of the two foregoing Descriptions of SUGAR, jointly,

Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,

Is Twenty-two Shillings and Ten Pence per Hundred Weight.

By Authority of Parliament,

HENRY BICKNELL,
Clerk of the Grocers' Company.

Grocers'-Hall, November 11, 1853.

RETURN of the Aggregate Average Amount of the LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the BANK of AUSTRALASIA, as well in England as in the Australasian Colonies, from the 12th day of April, 1852, to the 11th day of October, 1852.

(Published pursuant to the Royal Charter of Incorporation.)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bills in Circulation, not bearing Interest	149,075	15	6	Coin and Bullion	731,304	18	11
Notes in Circulation, not bearing Interest	516,397	18	5	Landed Property of the Corporation	32,570	14	3
Bills and Notes in Circulation, bearing Interest	—	—	—	Bills of other Banks	—	—	—
Balances due to other Banks	—	—	—	Balances due from other Banks	—	—	—
Cash deposited, not bearing Interest	1,665,903	8	10	Debts due to the Corporation, including Notes, Bills, and Government Securities	2,064,499	4	10
Cash deposited, bearing Interest	—	—	—				
Total Liabilities of the Corporation	£2,331,377	2	9	Total Assets of the Corporation	£2,828,374	18	0

Wm. Milliken, Secretary.
London, November 10, 1853.

T. W. Henderson, Chairman.