

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

6th Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia.

Adjutant William Hartshorn to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 28th March, 1855.

Richard Lambert, Esq., late Royal Artillery, to be Captain. Dated 29th March, 1855.

George Herbert Robeson, Gent., late 1st West India Regiment, to be Lieutenant. Dated 29th March, 1855.

William Bagot D'Arcy, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 29th March, 1855.

Commissions signed by the Vice Lieutenant of the County of Lanark.

Lanarkshire Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.

Cornet William Wallace Hozier to be Lieutenant vice Buchanan, resigned. Dated 30th March, 1855.

Cornet John MacLean to be Lieutenant vice Brown, resigned. Dated 31st March, 1855.

1st Royal Lanarkshire Militia.

Lieutenant William Jolly to be Captain vice Sir Alexander Charles Gibson Maitland, Bart., appointed to be Lieutenant-Colonel in the 90th or Stirlingshire, &c., Militia. Dated 26th March, 1855.

William Gunton, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Jolly, promoted. Dated 26th March, 1855.

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 or inland postage, payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or 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 whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the letters hereinafter mentioned.

Now we the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said Act, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant, under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, by the authority of the statute in that case made and provided, order and direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and the colonies of Sierra Leone and Turk's Island, or either of them (direct or through any other colony, or through any foreign country) there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform British rate of sixpence.

And we direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Sierra Leone or Turk's Island, and any other of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (whether through any colony or foreign country or not) there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, the rates of British postage following; that is to say:

For the conveyance of every such letter between Sierra Leone or Turk's Island, and any part of

the United Kingdom, a rate of sixpence, and for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such colony or foreign country.

And we direct that on every letter transmitted as is mentioned in this Warrant exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say:

On every such letter exceeding half an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every such letter exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every such letter exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such letter exceeding three ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage, and every fraction of an ounce above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as one additional ounce, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

And we direct, that in all cases in which any letter, in respect of which any rate of postage is chargeable by this Warrant, shall pass through a foreign country, any foreign postage payable thereon shall be charged and paid thereon in addition to the British postage.

And we further direct, that nothing in this Warrant contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters posted in or addressed to France, or any foreign country through France, and transmitted between France or foreign countries (through France) and Sierra Leone or Turk's Island; all which last-mentioned letters shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by or under the said recited Act, or by or under any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post Office, and that all such exemptions and privileges shall remain in full force.

And we further direct, that the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British or colonial, or foreign packet-boat (packet-boats belonging to or employed by or under the Government or Post Office of the United States of America and French Mediterranean packet-boats excepted) and also the sea conveyance by any private ship.

And we further direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of June, 1855.

Provided lastly, and we 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 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 thirty-first day of March, 1855.

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Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions.

NOTICE is hereby given, that—

2476. Stephen Shaw, of Plaistow, Essex, has given notice at the Office of the Commissioners of his intention to proceed with his application for letters patent for the invention of "an improved mode of marking metal plates for rivetting or bolting, and the application of a new material as a template for receiving such marks."
- As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 23rd day of November, 1854.
2483. And Riley Cunliffe, of Accrington, in the county of Lancaster, Surveyor, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in machinery or apparatus for making or manufacturing bricks and tiles or other similar articles."
- As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 24th day of November, 1854.
2497. And Peter Armand Le Comte de Fontaine Moreau, of 4, South-street, Finsbury, London, and 39, Rue de l'Echiquier, Paris, Patent Agent, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in the construction of inkstands."—A communication.
- As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 27th day of November, 1854.
2502. And John Clarke, of Leicester, in the county of Leicester, Mechanic, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of looped fabrics."
- As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 28th day of November, 1854.
2506. And Charles Peterson, of Low Cliff, Chale, in the Isle of Wight, Esquire, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "the application of a new vegetable substance to the manufacture of textile fabrics and pulp for paper, cardboard, papier maché, and similar purposes."
- As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 29th day of November, 1854.
2519. And John Mason, of Rochdale, in the county of Lancaster, Machinist, and Leonard Kaberry, of Rochdale aforesaid, Manager, have given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in machinery or apparatus for preparing, spinning, and doubling cotton and other fibrous materials."
2520. And William Taylor, of Howwood, by Paisley has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in steam boiler and other furnaces."
2524. And Ellis Rowland and James Rowland, of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Engineers, have given the like notice in respect of the invention of "certain improvements in metallic pistons."
- As set forth in their respective petitions, all recorded in the said office on the 30th day of November, 1854.
2526. And Edward Briggs, of Castleton Mills, near Rochdale, in the county of Lancaster, Manufacturer, and William Souter, of the same place, Manager, have given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in machinery, and apparatus for gassing yarn and thread."
2528. And Julian Bernard, of Club-chambers, Regent-street, in the county of Middlesex, Gentleman, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of boots, shoes, or other protectors for the feet, and in the machinery or apparatus connected therewith."
- As set forth in their respective petitions, both recorded in the said office on the 1st day of December, 1854.
2556. And John Henry Johnson, of 47, Lincoln's-inn-fields, in the county of Middlesex, and of Glasgow, North Britain, Gentleman, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in the arrangement of electric telegraphs."—A communication from Monsieur Brequet.
- As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 5th day of December, 1854.
2559. And John Warhurst, of Hollingworth, in the county of Chester, Cotton Dealer, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in furnaces or fire places applicable to apparatus for heating water and generating steam."
- As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 6th day of December, 1854.
2593. And Edward Maniere, of Bedford-row, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in lamps."—A communication from Mons. Chatel, jeune, of Paris.
- As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 9th day of December, 1854.
2605. And Isaac Dodds, of Sheffield, in the county of York, Engineer, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "certain improvements in machinery or apparatus for working the slide or steam valves of steam engines."
- As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 11th day of December, 1854.
2614. And William Chippindale, of Leeming-bar, near Bedale, and Leonard Robert Sedgwick, of Crakehall, near Bedale, in the county of York, have given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in steam boilers."
- As set forth in their petition, recorded in the said office on the 12th day of December, 1854.
2626. And Thomas Finmore Evans, of Philpot-lane, in the city of London, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of candles."—A communication.
- As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 13th day of December, 1854.
2665. And Thomas Hart, residing at No. 255, George-street, in the city of Glasgow, Foreman to Messrs. David and John Anderson, of the said city, Manufacturers, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in Jacquard apparatus for weaving."
- As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office, on the 18th day of December, 1854.