

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

Eastern Regiment of Suffolk Militia Artillery Corps.

Captain James Mill Walker, Esq., to be Major, vice Beauchamp, resigned. Dated 9th November, 1855.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of Friday, the 2nd November instant.]

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

2nd Regiment of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Militia.

Henry Harrington Molyneux Steel, Gent., to be Ensign from the 30th August last, vice Barlow, promoted. Dated 29th October, 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 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 whereas another Act was passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications."

And whereas, by a certain Warrant, under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 19th day of September, 1855, certain rates of postage were fixed on letters transmitted direct by British packet-boats between any ports in the British colonies, or between any ports in the British colonies and any foreign port (not in any such cases passing through the United Kingdom). And whereas it is expedient that so much of the said recited Warrant as extends to or affects the postage on letters transmitted between any of Her Majesty's colonies and any port in Peru, or any other port on the western coast of South America should be repealed.

1. Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the several before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, 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 so much of the said recited Warrant of the 19th day of September, 1855, as extends to or affects the postage on letters transmitted between any of Her Majesty's colonies and any port in Peru, or any other port on the western coast of South America, not passing through the United Kingdom (the conveyance thereof being by British packet-boat direct, or *viâ* Panama), shall be, and the same is hereby, annulled and repealed.

2. And we do further order and direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, brought into the United Kingdom by packet-boat from the British squadron on or off the Western Coast of Africa, without passing through any post-office, or coming from any foreign port on that coast, there shall be charged and paid, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable thereon, a rate of postage of sixpence.

3. And we do further order and direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted between any of Her Majesty's colonies and any port in Peru, or any other port on the Western Coast of South America, without passing through the United Kingdom (the conveyance being by British packet-boat direct or *viâ* Panama), there shall be charged and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable thereon (or which but for the repeal hereinbefore contained, would be hereafter payable thereon), a rate of one shilling and four pence.

4. And we do further order and direct, that on every letter transmitted as is hereinbefore respectively mentioned, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and paid progressive and additional rates of postage, as follows; (that is to say):

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

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

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

And on every 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.

5. And we do further order and direct, that nothing hereinbefore contained, shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by or under the said recited Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, and that all such exemptions and privileges shall remain in full force.

6. And we do further order and direct, that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to repeal, alter, or affect three certain Warrants, respectively under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date respectively the 23rd day of November, 1852, the 15th day of March, 1854, and the 31st day of March, 1855, or any or either of them, or any of the rates of postage thereby respectively fixed and established.

7. And we do further order and direct, that on every letter not exceeding one-quarter of an ounce in weight, sent from or to any commissioned or non-commissioned officer, serjeant, corporal, drummer, trumpeter, fifer, or private soldier in Her Majesty's regular forces, artillery, or royal marines, or from or to any commissioned or warrant officer, midshipman, master's mate, or seaman

in Her Majesty's navy, or any of Her Majesty's ships, transmitted by the post between any of the British hospitals at or near Smyrna or the Dardanelles, and any ports or places in Turkey or the Black Sea (the sea conveyance being by French packet-boat), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, a rate of two pence (which shall include any foreign packet postage that may be payable thereon).

8. And we do further order and direct, that on every letter transmitted, as is lastly hereinbefore mentioned, exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows (that is to say):

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

On every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding three-quarters of an ounce in weight, three rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding three-quarters of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every quarter of an ounce in weight above the weight of one ounce, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and every fraction of a quarter of an ounce above the weight of one ounce, shall be charged as an additional quarter of an ounce, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum of two pence.

9. And we do further order and direct, that the term "by the post" used in the said recited Warrant of the 19th day of September, 1855, shall, so far as respects the conveyance of letters sent between Malta, Gibraltar, or the Ionian Islands, and Her Majesty's colonies and possessions in the East Indies or the Chinese Sea without passing through the United Kingdom, include the conveyance through Egypt, but all letters sent between any of Her Majesty's colonies and any port or place in Egypt, or between Her Majesty's colonies and any foreign country through Egypt, without passing through the United Kingdom, shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if the said Warrant of the 19th day of September, 1855, had not been signed.

10. And we do further order, direct, and consent that printed British Newspapers and printed colonial and foreign Newspapers, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies mentioned in the schedule to this Warrant annexed, addressed to the United Kingdom, may be sent by the post to the United Kingdom, at a rate of one penny each, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable thereon.

11. And we further order, direct, and consent that all such printed newspapers shall be sent by the post in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions hereinafter contained; that is to say:

1. Every such newspaper shall be sent without a cover or in a cover open at the sides.

2. There shall be no word or communication printed on any such newspaper after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof other than and except the name and address of the person to whom sent, but the name and address of the publisher, news-vender, or agent by whom the same is sent may be printed on the cover of any such newspaper.

3. There shall be no paper or thing enclosed in or with any such newspaper.

4. Every such newspaper shall be put into the post office at such hours in the day, and under all such regulations as the Postmaster General may appoint, including therein the payment of postage when put into the post office, if the Postmaster General shall so require.

12. And we do further order, direct, and consent, that Her Majesty's Postmaster-General shall and may charge all or any newspapers sent by the post from the colonies mentioned in the said schedule to the United Kingdom, otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations established by this present Warrant, with such rates or rate of postage not exceeding in amount such rates or rate as would be chargeable upon the same as letters or a letter, as to him shall seem fit.

13. And we do further order, direct, and consent, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any newspapers sent through France, or any other foreign country, to which a transit rate of postage would be payable thereon.

14. And we do further order and direct, that the term "by the post," used in the 10th, 11th, and 12th clauses of this Warrant, shall include the conveyance by any British, foreign, or colonial packet-boat, and also by private ship; and that the term "British Newspaper," shall mean newspapers printed in the United Kingdom, whether they bear a newspaper stamp or not; and that 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, hereinbefore recited.

15. And we do further order and direct, that the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands duly made at any time hereafter, alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

The Schedule to which the foregoing Warrant refers.

Jamaica,
Honduras,
Bay Islands,
Bahamas,
Grenada,
St. Vincent,
Tobago,
St. Lucia,
Antigua,
Montserrat,
St. Christopher,
Nevis,
Virgin Islands,
Dominica,
British Guiana,
Gibraltar,
Malta, and
Hong Kong.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the tenth day of November, 1855.

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