

Downing-Street, March 5, 1857.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William Thomas March, Esq., to be Clerk of the Supreme Court and Crown in the Island of Jamaica, and Richard Hussey Walsh, Esq., to be Superintendent of Government Schools in the Island of Mauritius.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
March 6, 1857.*

THE Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Brussels, enclosing a Notice (copy of which is subjoined) respecting a new Belgian Pilot Vessel which has been cruising between the Isle of Wight and Dungeness, since the beginning of the present year.

KINGDOM OF BELGIUM. PILOTAGE DEPARTMENT.
NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given, that since the beginning of the present year, independently of the cutters that have been in service until now, in the North Sea and the English Channel, a new Belgian Pilot Vessel, built of iron, schooner rigged, using an auxiliary steam screw propeller, is cruising between the Isle of Wight and Dungeness, in order to supply licensed pilots to ships bound to Antwerp, or other ports of Belgium.

The pilot schooner carries, mainsail, fore and aft foresail, foresail and jib. It may be known by the word ANTWERPEN, which is painted in her mainsail, and also by a red flag, with the number 5 in white, hoisted at the main.

(Extract translated from the Moniteur Belge of the 31st of January, 1857, No. 31.)

*War-Office, Pall-Mall,
6th March, 1857.*

Lieutenant-Colonel John Henry Lefroy, of the Royal Artillery, to be Inspector-General of Army Schools, vice the Reverend G. R. Gleig, Chaplain-General of the Army. Dated 18th February, 1857.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the
County of Warwick.*

*Warwickshire Militia.
2nd Regiment.*

Lieutenant George Woodyatt to be Captain, vice Captain Hall P. Chamberlain, resigned. Dated 27th February, 1857.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, 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 from time to time, by Warrant, as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and to make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof.

And whereas it is expedient to alter and reduce the ship letter rate of postage upon letters brought into or despatched from Gibraltar by private ship as hereinafter mentioned.

1. Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited 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 brought into or despatched from Gibraltar by private ship (except on any letters transmitted between the United Kingdom and Gibraltar, or between Gibraltar and any other of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom, which said last-mentioned letters respectively shall continue and be chargeable with the British rates of postage now payable on such letters under and by virtue of a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 15th day of March, 1854), there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform ship letter rate of postage of two pence. And that on every such letter brought into or despatched from Gibraltar by private ship, as hereinbefore mentioned (except as aforesaid), if 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.

Such rates to be in addition to any foreign postage payable on any such letters.

And whereas, by a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 19th day of September, 1855, and relating to the transmission by the post of letters by British packet-boat, between ports in the British colonies, or between ports in the British colonies and foreign ports, the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did order and direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight,

transmitted by the post direct, by British packet-boat, 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), there should be charged and taken (in lieu of the rates theretofore chargeable for the sea conveyance of such letters) a packet postage of four pence.

And whereas by a certain other Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 20th day of December, 1856, the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did order and direct (amongst other things) that every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in any of the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the first column of the Schedule B to the now reciting Warrant annexed, addressed to any of the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the second column of such Schedule, might be transmitted by the post from any of the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said first column of the said Schedule B, to any of the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said second column of such Schedule. And that all such respective letters should be so transmitted in conformity with, and under, and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions in the said now reciting Warrant mentioned and contained. And that the single rate of postage for the transmission thereof should be that which was mentioned and set forth against the said countries and places, respectively, in the said Schedule B, and that all such respective letters so transmitted should be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

And whereas in and by the said Schedule B to the said last recited Warrant annexed, letters posted in Malta or Gibraltar, addressed to Spain or Portugal, and letters posted in Spain or Portugal, addressed to Malta or Gibraltar, were made chargeable respectively with the single British rate of postage of five pence, the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by British packet boat. And it is expedient to alter and reduce such single rate of postage to the sum of four pence, according to the provision contained in the said recited Warrant of the said Commissioners, bearing date the 19th day of September, 1855.

2. Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in further exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Act, and every 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 aforesaid, order and direct that so much of the said recited Warrant, bearing date the 20th day of December, 1856, and so much of the said Schedule B, to that Warrant annexed, as respectively relate to letters posted in Malta or Gibraltar, addressed to Spain or Portugal, and to letters posted in Spain or Portugal, addressed to Malta or Gibraltar, shall be and the same are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, respectively; and that so much of the said several regulations, orders, directions, conditions, and rates of postage therein respectively mentioned and set forth, as relate to such last-mentioned letters, shall wholly cease and determine.

3. And we do further order and direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight transmitted by the post direct by British packet boat between Malta or Gibraltar, and Spain or Portugal (not passing through the United Kingdom), there shall be charged and taken in lieu of the rates of five pence, chargeable for the sea con-

veyance of such letters, under or by virtue of the said recited Warrant, bearing date the 20th day of December, 1856, a packet postage of four pence; and that every letter transmitted by the post between Malta or Gibraltar, and Spain or Portugal, shall be so transmitted under and subject to such progressive and additional rates of postage, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions as are respectively mentioned and contained in and by the said before recited Warrant of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 19th day of September, 1855.

And whereas by the said before recited Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the said 20th day of December, 1856, the said Commissioners did order and direct that a certain other Warrant of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 31st day of December, 1855, therein recited and referred to should (amongst others) be repealed, revoked, and annulled; and that the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage therein mentioned and set forth, should wholly cease and determine.

And whereas two Warrants were made by the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date respectively, the said 31st day of December, 1855, one of which said Warrants related to letters transmitted by the post between Gibraltar and Hong Kong, and Singapore, and the other of which said Warrants related to packets consisting of printed newspapers, other packets consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, and other packets consisting of printed newspapers and other printed papers transmitted by the post as therein respectively mentioned.

4. Now, for the purpose of removing any doubt thereupon, we do hereby declare that the said Warrant so recited and referred to and intended to be recited and referred to in and by the said before recited Warrant of the said 20th day of December, 1856, and so repealed, revoked, and annulled thereby as aforesaid, was and is the said Warrant of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the said 31st day of December, 1855, which related to packets consisting of printed newspapers, other packets consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, and other packets consisting of printed newspapers and other printed papers transmitted by the post as therein respectively mentioned, and not the said Warrant of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the said 31st day of December, 1855, which related to letters transmitted by the post between Gibraltar and Hong Kong and Singapore, which said last-mentioned Warrant, bearing date the said 31st day of December, 1855, and so relating to letters transmitted by the post between Gibraltar and Hong Kong and Singapore, as aforesaid, we do hereby declare and order and direct to be and continue unrepealed, unrevoked, and unannulled, and the several orders, directions, regulations and rates of postage therein respectively mentioned and set forth to be and continue in full force, operation, and effect.

5. And we do further order and direct that the terms 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.

6. And we do further order and direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April next.

7. And we do further order and direct that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the fourth day of March, 1857.

*Duncan.
Monck.*

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 11.) CHINA SEA—YANG-TSE KIANG.

Beacon Tower at Kiu T'oan.

The Chinese Authorities at Shanghae have given notice, that in order to facilitate the navigation of the channel leading up to the river Wu-sung a Beacon Tower has been erected on the south shore of the Yang-tse Kiang at Kiu T'oan, near a spot known as the Three Trees.

The tower is a plain structure of brick, painted red and white, and 70 feet high. It bears from the light-vessel N. 63° W., distance about 16 miles, and the trees upon Blockhouse Island bear from it N. 15° W., distant 8 miles. It stands in lat. 31° 14' N., long. 121° 43' east from Greenwich, nearly.

The light-vessel, painted red, with two masts and balls, is moored in 4½ fathoms at low water, and bears N. by W. ¾ W. from Gutzlaff Island, from which she is distant 23 miles, and one mile from the southern edge of the North Tung-sha Bank. [This position differs from that made public in a former notice.]

Ships leaving Gutzlaff Isle, bearing S. by E. 16 miles, should steer a north-westerly course. On making the light-vessel, bearing N.W., they should steer for her so as to pass her as most convenient, taking care when to the eastward of her not to bring her to the southward of west, and when to the westward, not to bring her to the southward of E.S.E. ¼ S., making due allowance for the setting of the tides over the North Bank. When about dipping the hull of the light-vessel, the beacon tower will be seen; and the usual course pointed out in the Sailing Directions can then be followed.

When a vessel is observed running into danger a gun is fired from the light-vessel to attract attention, and the signal, by Marryat's Code, of the course that should be steered is then exhibited. A ship's signal lamp is shown on board the light-vessel from sunset to sunrise.

[All courses and bearings are magnetic. Var. 0° 30' W. in 1856.]

By command of their Lordships,

John Washington, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
12th February, 1857.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—China, East Coast, Sheet 8, No. 1190; Yang-tse Kiang, No. 1480; also China Pilot, pp. 114, 122, 126.

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(No. 12.) MEDITERRANEAN SEA—MINORCA.

Fixed Light on Cape Caballeria.

The Minister of Marine at Madrid has given notice, that on and after the 1st day of March next, a Light will be established on Cape Caballeria, on the north coast of Minorca, one of the Balearic islands.

The light is a fixed white light. The illuminating apparatus is a catadioptric lens of the second order. The light is placed at an elevation of 308 English feet above the level of the sea, and should be visible from the deck of a ship in clear weather at a distance of 20 miles.

The height of the light-tower, its construction, appearance from seaward, and colour, are not stated.

It stands in lat. 40° 5' 40" N., long. 4° 9' 22" East from Greenwich.

By command of their Lordships,

John Washington, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
20th February, 1857.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Mediterranean, General, No. 2158; Coast of Spain, Alicante to Palamos, No. 1187; Minorca, No. 147. Also Mediterranean Light-house List, No. 25.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

*Department of the Accountant-General
of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-
House, March 5, 1857.*

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of proceeds arising from the Greek vessel, San Spiridione, captured on the 28th May, 1855, by Her Majesty's ship Curlew, will commence on Monday the 23rd March, 1857, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House."

Agents and other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments, or other instruments, by virtue of which they may be legally entitled to claim the share of any captor, serving in the above-named ships, are requested to present the same at this office.

Any Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other person, who may desire to receive his share from the Collector of Customs or of Inland Revenue within the United Kingdom, is required to intimate the same by letter to be addressed "On Prize Business, to the Secretary of the Admiralty, London,"—in which letter his own place of residence is to be precisely stated, as well as the place of the nearest Collector of Customs, or of Inland Revenue, from whom it would be convenient to receive such share of prize money.

The following are the shares due to an individual in the several classes:—

	£	s.	d.
Flag share	16	2	10
Commander	38	6	9
Third class	13	5	6
Fourth class	8	10	9
Fifth class	4	14	9
Sixth class	4	5	4
Seventh class	2	16	11
Eighth class	1	8	6
Ninth class	0	18	11
Tenth class	0	9	5