

*Admiralty, 2nd December, 1858.*

The following promotions, dated the 24th ultimo, have this day taken place, consequent on the death, on the 23rd ultimo, of Vice-Admiral of the White the Right Honourable Edmund, Lord Lyons, G.C.B., K.C.H., G.C. St. M. and St. G., &c. :

Vice-Admiral of the Blue Sir James Hanway Plumridge, K.C.B., to be Vice-Admiral of the White.

Rear-Admiral the Right Honourable Charles Philip, Earl of Hardwicke, on the Reserved Half-pay List, to be Vice-Admiral on the Reserved Half-pay List.

Rear-Admiral of the Red Sir Henry Ducie Chads, K.C.B., to be Vice-Admiral of the Blue.

Rear-Admiral of the White Sir Thomas Hastings, Knt., C.B., to be Rear-Admiral of the Red.

Rear-Admiral of the Blue Robert Smart, K.H., to be Rear-Admiral of the White.

Captain Nicholas Cory to be Rear-Admiral on the Reserved Half-pay List.

Captain John Shepherd to be Rear-Admiral of the Blue.

Retired Rear-Admiral George Ourry Lempriere to have the rank and title of Retired Vice-Admiral, in pursuance of the Order in Council of 7th May, 1858.

*Admiralty, 15th November, 1858.**Corps of Royal Marines.*

Gentleman Cadet Herbert Everitt to be Second Lieutenant.

*Commission signed by the Queen.**Oxfordshire Regiment of Militia.*

William Wykeham Holloway, Esq., to be Paymaster, vice Carter, resigned. Dated 5th September, 1858.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Oxford.**Oxfordshire Regiment of Militia.*

Lieutenant Frederick Walter Aston to be a Captain, vice Lambert resigned. Dated 27th November, 1858.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.**King's Own Light Infantry Regiment of Militia.*

Henry John Hunter, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Baugh, resigned. Dated 22nd November, 1858.

James Henry Morrell, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Kulbach, promoted. Dated 22nd November, 1858.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Somerset.**West Somerset Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.*

William Haggett Richards, junr., Gent., to be Cornet, vice Seymour, promoted. Dated 29th November, 1858.

*Royal Ayrshire Rifles.**Notification by Her Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy for the County of Ayr.*

Her Majesty has been pleased to direct that Ensign Joseph Booth Gretton, who has absented himself from the recent training of the Regiment, and disobeyed the orders of his Commanding Officer, shall be removed from the strength of the Regiment from 30th November, 1858.

**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 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 postages according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such Warrant.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament, 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 certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament, 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 a treaty hath been lately entered into between Her Majesty and the Emperor of Hayti, for regulating the communications by post between their respective dominions; and it is expedient for the better carrying out of the same, that certain regulations should be made, in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts, 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 of the statute in that case made and provided, order, direct and declare as follows:

1. On every letter, not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Hayti, and on every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in Hayti, addressed to the United Kingdom, transmitted direct by British packet-boat between the United Kingdom and Hayti, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of six pence.

2. On every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by British packet-boat between a port in Hayti and any other port, whether in Hayti or any other country, island, or place, without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of four pence.

3. All such letters so transmitted, as hereinbefore in the first and second clauses of this Warrant mentioned, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:

On every letter so transmitted, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two rates of postage:

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage:

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage:

And for every additional ounce in weight of any letter, so transmitted respectively as aforesaid, above the weight of three ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional ounce shall be charged as an additional ounce in weight; 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.

4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service, and seamen and soldiers employed in the service of the East India Company, are now by law entitled to, of sending and receiving by the post letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

5. On every printed British newspaper posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Hayti, and on every printed newspaper posted in Hayti, addressed to the United Kingdom, transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Hayti, direct by packet-boat, there shall be charged, taken, and paid in the United Kingdom, the rate of British postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, if not exceeding the weight of four ounces, a rate of one penny, and if exceeding that weight, but not exceeding the weight of eight ounces, a rate of two pence.

6. Every newspaper which shall be transmitted by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter contained (that is to say):

No such newspaper shall in length, or breadth, or width, exceed the dimensions of two feet British:

Every such newspaper shall be sent open at the ends or sides, and either without a cover, or in a cover, or envelope, open at the ends or sides:

There shall be no word or communication printed on any newspaper, transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon any such newspaper, or upon any cover thereof, other than and except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent, but the name or title of such news-

paper, and the name and address of the publisher, newsvendor, or agent, by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof.

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

Every British newspaper which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be printed and published at intervals, not exceeding thirty-one days between any two consecutive numbers or parts of such publication, and the same shall be registered by the proprietor or printer thereof at the General Post Office in London, and shall be posted within fifteen days from the date of its publication, and the title and date of the newspaper shall be printed at the top of every page thereof.

7. All packets consisting of printed papers (other than British newspapers), posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Hayti, or posted in Hayti, addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Hayti direct by packet-boat, under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto; and on every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid in the United Kingdom for the transmission thereof as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of British postage of three pence.

8. All such respective packets transmitted under the seventh clause of this Warrant shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, two rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces in weight and not exceeding one pound in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and the half of another pound in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and the half of another pound and not exceeding two pounds in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of two pounds there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of a pound in weight shall be charged as an additional half of a pound in weight; and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

9. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the seventh and eighth clauses of this Warrant shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter contained; that is to say:

Every such packet shall be sent without a cover or in a cover open at the ends or sides.

It may contain any number of separate books or other publications, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment, or vellum, and the books or other publications, prints,

or maps, may be either printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three, and all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, publication, print, or map, or of a portion thereof, shall be allowed to pass by the post, whether such binding, mounting, or covering, be loose or attached, as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, and whatsoever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter, or usually appertains thereto; but no patterns or books of patterns unless consisting merely of paper) shall be allowed. It shall contain no written letter, nor any communication in the nature of a letter, closed or open, nor any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any communication of the nature of a letter written in or upon any such packet, or the cover thereof.

No such packet, which in length, of width, or depth shall exceed the dimensions of two feet (British) shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

Every newspaper and packet transmitted by the post under the fifth, seventh, and eighth clauses of this Warrant, and posted in the United Kingdom, shall be put into the Post-office at such hours in the day and under all such regulations as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

10. The postage of every letter transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant and posted in the United Kingdom, shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by the proper postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, and the postage of every newspaper and packet of printed papers transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant and posted in the United Kingdom shall also be paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money but by the proper postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, which respective stamp or stamps in this clause mentioned shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such letter, newspaper, or packet near the address or direction, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon under or by virtue of this Warrant.

11. If any letter, newspaper, or packet of printed papers transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant be sent otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations hereinbefore established, the same shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof.

12. The respective letters and packets transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage respectively contained in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury under the hands of two of the said Commissioners bearing date the 19th of February, 1855, relating to redirected rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post.

13. The rates of postage chargeable on letters, printed newspapers, and other printed papers transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be in lieu of any rates of British postage now chargeable by law thereon.

14. The term "weight" used in this Warrant shall mean British weight, 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.

15. 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 altered, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

16. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1859.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

Henry Whitmore.  
H. G. Lennox.

Whitehall, September 30, 1858.

The Right Honourable Sir Alexander Edmund Cockburn, Bart., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, has appointed Alfred Green Holmes, of the city of Oxford, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the city of Oxford, also in and for the counties of Oxford, Bucks, and Berks.

Whitehall, November 30, 1858.

The Right Honourable Sir Alexander Edmund Cockburn, Bart., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, has appointed Richard Henry Witty, of Essex-street, Strand, in the county of Middlesex, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Middlesex, also in and for the city of London, and the city and liberties of Westminster.

The Right Honourable Sir Alexander Edmund Cockburn, Bart., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has also appointed George Powell, of Raymond-buildings, Gray's-inn, in the county of Middlesex, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Middlesex, also in and for the city of London, and the city and liberties of Westminster.

The Right Honourable Sir Alexander Edmund Cockburn, Bart., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has also appointed John Clayton, of Lancaster-place, Strand, in the county of Middlesex, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries,