

War-Office, February 1, 1859.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the Decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officer and Seaman of Her Majesty's Navy, who have been recommended to Her Majesty for that decoration for their gallantry whilst serving in the Naval Brigade in India under the orders of the late Captain William Peel, K.C.B., viz.:—

Corps.	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
Naval Brigade... ..	Lieutenant (now Commander) Thomas James Young William Hall, A.B. Date of Act of Bravery, 16th November, 1857	Lieutenant (now Commander) Young, late Gunnery Officer of Her Majesty's ship "Shannon," and William Hall, "Captain of the Foretop," of that Vessel, were recommended by the late Captain Peel for the Victoria Cross, for their gallant conduct at a 24-Pounder Gun, brought up to the angle of the Shah Nujiff, at Lucknow, on the 16th of November, 1857.

Foreign-Office, January 29, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Don Emilio Lynch as Consul at Sydney for the Republic of Chili.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Don Antonio Maria de Cea as Vice-Consul at Cardiff for Her Majesty the Queen of Spain.

India Office, January 31, 1859.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to nominate and appoint Sir Charles Edward Trevelyan, K.C.B., to be Governor of the Presidency of Madras.

*War-Office, Pall-Mall,
1st February, 1859.*

Royal Regiment of Artillery, Lieutenant-General Alexander Cavalie Mercer to be Colonel-Commandant, vice General Brough, deceased. Dated 16th January, 1859.

Second Captain William Lambert Yonge, from the Supernumerary List, to be Second Captain, vice Dames, placed upon the Supernumerary List. Dated 7th January, 1859.

Rifle Brigade. The first Christian name of Ensign Smith is *Walter*, not *William*, as stated in the Gazette of the 28th January, 1859.

STAFF.

Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. Hallewell, upon half-pay Unattached, to be Deputy-Quartermaster-General to the Forces serving in Malta, vice Pocklington, who resigns that appointment. Dated 1st February, 1859.

Commission signed by the Queen.

Forfar and Kincardine Regiment of Militia Artillery.

John Barclay, Esq., to be Paymaster from 21st December, 1858. Dated 6th January, 1859.

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," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, or in respect of, letters transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made and powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for the purpose of facilitating the transmission of such letters by the post.

And whereas 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," further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for the purposes aforesaid, and it was amongst other things provided, that the Postmaster-General might, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, require the postage (British, colonial, or foreign) of any letters sent by the post to be prepaid, either in money or stamps (as he might think fit), on the same being put into the Post-office, and he might also with such consent, abolish or restrict the prepayment in money, of postage on letters sent by the post, either altogether, or on certain letters, and might require the prepayment thereof to be in stamps, and might refuse to receive or send by the post, any letters tendered contrary to any regulations made under that enactment. And further, that it should be lawful for the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the Post-office, to detain any letters which should be posted or sent by the post, contrary to the regulations of the said now reciting Act, or the said hereinbefore recited Act, or contrary to any regulations made under the authority of the said now reciting Act, or the said hereinbefore recited Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant, which should be issued under or by virtue of the said now reciting Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the said hereinbefore recited Act, and to open such letters, and either to return them to the senders thereof, or to forward them to the

places of their destination, charged in either case with such rates of postage, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, should from time to time direct.

And whereas it is expedient that further regulations should be made with respect to the letters hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us, in and by the said hereinbefore recited 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 as follows; that is to say:

1. That on every letter sent or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, between any places within the United Kingdom, or by the post of any post town in the United Kingdom, addressed to a person or place within such town or its suburbs, the postage thereof, according to the scale of weight, and number, and amount of rates of postage fixed and chargeable upon letters transmitted by the post, between places within the United Kingdom, by the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, shall be prepaid in stamps, and that every such letter shall be duly and properly stamped when posted.

2. That if any letter sent or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, between any places in the United Kingdom, or by the post, of any post town in the United Kingdom, addressed to a person or place within such town, or the suburbs thereof, shall be posted without any postage being paid thereon, in stamps, equal to the sum of one penny, every such letter shall be detained and opened, and shall be returned, or given up to the sender thereof, and if any letter sent or tendered as hereinbefore mentioned, shall be posted with a postage paid thereon, in stamps, less in amount than the rate of postage to which such letter would be liable, but equal to the amount of one penny, there shall be charged on every such letter, the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps, and the full postage to which such letter would have been liable if prepaid, together with a higher and additional rate of postage of one penny.

3. That the Postmaster-General may, if he shall think fit, permit any letters, hereinbefore in the first and second clauses of this Warrant mentioned, to be sent by the post, exempt from the operation of such clauses, or either of them, so long as he shall deem such exemption expedient.

4. That nothing hereinbefore contained shall extend or apply to any letters sent by the post, to or from places beyond the seas, nor shall any thing herein contained in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege granted by the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, in favour of petitions and addresses forwarded to Her Majesty by the post, nor the privilege granted by the same Act to members of each House of Parliament, to receive by the post, petitions and addresses to Her Majesty, and petitions addressed to either House of Parliament, not exceeding thirty-two ounces in weight, nor the privilege granted to printed votes or proceedings of Parliament, nor shall any thing in this Warrant contained in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which seamen and soldiers, employed in Her Majesty's service, and seamen and soldiers em-

ployed in the service of the East India Company, now by law enjoy, 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. That so much of a certain Warrant, under the hands of three of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 22nd day of October, 1847, as relates to letters exceeding four ounces in weight, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled.

6. That the 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.

7. 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.

8. That this Warrant shall come into operation on the tenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twentieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

Henry Whitmore.
H. G. Lennox.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION.

WHEREAS the Local Government Act, 1858, was duly adopted by the Town Council of the borough of Hanley, in the county of Stafford, on the 5th day of January instant, and notice of such adoption has been duly given to the Right Honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, as required by such Act; and whereas it has further been duly certified to the Right Honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole that a copy of such notice has been advertised for three successive weeks in the Staffordshire Sentinel, and Midland Counties Advertiser, circulated in the aforesaid borough, and that copies of that notice have also been affixed to the principal doors of each church and chapel in such borough, to which notices are usually affixed; and the period of twenty-one days fixed by the said Act for appeal against the resolution for the adoption of such Act by such borough has now expired, and no such appeal has been made:

Now, therefore, I, Spencer Horatio Walpole, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby give notice that the Local Government Act, 1858, has been adopted within the borough of Hanley, in the county of Stafford, and that, in accordance with the provisions thereof, the said Act will, at the expiration of two months from the date of the passing of the aforesaid resolution, have the force of law within such borough.

Given under my hand this thirty-first day of January, 1859.

S. H. Walpole.