

In consequence of the promotion of Major-General Sir William Brereton, the undermentioned Officers on the Retired Full Pay List of the Royal Artillery, who stood before him on the Effective List at the time of their retirement, to be promoted, as follows:—

Major-General Joseph Darby to be Lieutenant-General. Dated 27th June, 1864.

Major-General Richard Thomas King to be Lieutenant-General. Dated 27th June, 1864.

MEMORANDUM.

Lieutenant James Thomas Wightman, on half-pay, 67th Foot, has been permitted to retire from the service by the sale of his Commission, under the conditions of the Horse Guards Circular Memorandum of the 15th February, 1861. Dated 19th July, 1864.

Queen's Commission.

1st Administrative Brigade of Renfrewshire Artillery Volunteers.

William Taylor, Gent., late Chief Master Gunner Royal Artillery, to be Adjutant, from 20th January, 1864. Dated 23rd January, 1864.

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

Northumberland and Newcastle Yeomanry Cavalry.

Captain Robert L. Parker to be Adjutant, vice Woods, deceased. Dated 5th July, 1864.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent, and of the City and County of the City of Canterbury.

1st Kent Artillery Volunteer Corps.

First Lieutenant Medhurst Albert Troughton to be Captain, vice Hilder, resigned. Dated 13th July, 1864.

Second Lieutenant Edward Bryant to be First Lieutenant, vice Troughton, promoted. Dated 13th July, 1864.

8th Kent Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Henry James Brown to be Lieutenant, vice Paine, resigned. Dated 14th July, 1864.
Thomas William White to be Ensign, vice Brown, promoted. Dated 14th July, 1864.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex.

1st Middlesex Engineer Volunteer Corps.

Assistant-Surgeon Thomas Dickinson to be Surgeon, vice Traer, resigned. Dated 6th July, 1864.

Victoria Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Eustace Anderson to be Captain, vice Ewing, resigned. Dated 9th July, 1864.

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

54th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Edward Sudbury to be Lieutenant, vice Walthew, promoted. Dated 11th June, 1864.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been pleased to direct that the Commission of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir A. P. Gordon-Cumming, of the 1st Administrative Battalion of Elginshire Rifle Volunteers, shall bear date the 12th June, 1861, instead of 28th June, 1861.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, 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, from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and, from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates, which might be payable, were to be paid, and the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage, was to extend to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament passed in the session of Parliament, holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 85, 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in them for that purpose vested, in and by the said recited Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did, by a certain Warrant, under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, bearing date the 7th day of May, 1864, fix certain rates of British postage on letters transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom, or from any of Her Majesty's Colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom, to New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand.

And whereas it is expedient that the said Warrant, and the rates of postage therein mentioned, should be repealed.

Now, we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for that purpose vested, in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, 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, direct, and declare as follows:—

1. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom to New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, or New Zealand, direct, or through any British colony, or foreign country, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of British postage of sixpence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight transmitted by the post from any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom to New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, or New Zealand, whether through any British colony, or foreign country or not, there shall be charged and taken a like rate of British postage of sixpence for the conveyance of every such letter from any port in the United Kingdom to New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, or New Zealand. And for the conveyance of every such letter from the British colony or foreign country, from which the same shall be forwarded to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, such a further or additional rate of postage, as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage, on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in any such British colony or foreign country, and transmitted direct from such colony or foreign country to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same: Provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted therefrom the sum of one penny, in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

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

On every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one half of 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 on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage;

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

4. On every letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, and New Zealand, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

5. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, or New Zealand, without any postage having been paid thereon, or having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the

single rate of postage to which such letter, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight, would be liable under this Warrant, every such letter shall be detained and opened, and shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof.

6. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, or New Zealand, having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of the provisions of this Warrant, but equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable on any such letter if not exceeding half an ounce in weight, every such letter shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps so being thereon or affixed thereto, and the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with the further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

7. On every letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Tasmania, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

8. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Tasmania, without any postage having been paid thereon, or having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of the provisions of this Warrant, every such letter shall be detained and opened, and shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof.

9. In all cases in which any letter in respect of which any rate of postage is chargeable under or by virtue of the provisions of this Warrant shall be liable to any colonial or foreign postage, such colonial or foreign postage shall be charged and paid thereon in addition to the British postage.

10. Nothing in this Warrant contained shall in any wise annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by or under the said hereinbefore recited Acts, or either of them, or by or under any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post Office, or any of the privileges which officers, seamen, and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service are by law entitled to, of sending and receiving by the post letters subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

11. 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 New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, or New Zealand, all which last-mentioned letters shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

12. The term "by the post" used in this Warrant shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by British packet boat, and also by private ship. 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 Majesty for the regulation of the duties of postage.

13. The said recited Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 7th day of May, 1864, shall be and the same is hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, and the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage in the said Warrant made, mentioned,

and set forth, shall wholly cease and determine: Nevertheless no Treasury Warrant or part of a Treasury Warrant, repealed by the said last-mentioned Treasury Warrant, shall be revived by this Warrant.

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

15. This Warrant shall come into operation on the day of the date hereof.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the sixteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Wm. Dunbar.
Luke White.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 31.)—BLACK SEA—KERTCH STRAIT.

Fixed Red Light on Cape Paul.

THE Imperial Ministry of Marine at St. Petersburg has given notice, that a light is exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on Cape Paul, at the west side of Kertch Strait.

The light is a *fixed* light, showing white when bearing from N. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. to N. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W., and red from W. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. to W. by S. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. The white light shows over the channel between the reef extending from Cape Takli on the west side, and Panaghia reef on the east; the red light shows over the channel between Tuzla bank on the south side, and the Ak-Bournu reef on the north. The light is at an elevation of 73 feet above the mean level of the sea, and should be seen in clear weather from a distance of 14 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the third order.

The tower is round, painted red, and stands in lat. 45° 18' 15" N., long. 36° 29' 42" East of Greenwich.

Soukhom Point Light.

Also, that Soukhom Point light (information of which was given in the Notice to Mariners, No. 23, dated the 1st day of June, 1864) is a *re-volving* light, showing a white *flash* every minute.

The light is 121 feet above the level of the sea, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 17 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses of the second order.

(All Bearings are Magnetic. Variation at Kertch 2° 50' West in 1864.)

By command of their Lordships,

Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
1st July, 1864.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Black Sea, No. 2214; Sheets 5 and 6, Nos. 2234, 2235; Plan of Soukhom Bay, No. 2221; and Kertch Strait, No. 2205. Also, Black Sea Lights List, No. 387.

No. 22876.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 32.)—ENGLAND—SOUTH COAST.

Windmill on Portsdown Hill.

AS it is the intention to remove the ruins of the old Windmill on Portsdown-hill, as shown on the chart of Spithead, and referred to in the Channel Pilot, Part 1, notice of the removal of the said Mill is hereby given for the information of Mariners.

By command of their Lordships,

Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
9th July, 1864.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Owers to Christchurch, including Spithead, No. 2045. Also, Channel Pilot, Part 1, pp. 168, 173, 175.

NAVAL SALVAGE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House, July 14, 1864.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of the award for salvage service rendered to the "Jane Frances," on the 26th October, 1862, by Her Majesty's ship "Sheldrake."

Agents or other persons having any just and legal demand, unliquidated, against the said award, are required to transmit the particulars of any such demand to the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, in order that the same may be examined, taxed, and allowed by that Officer, and paid under the sanction of the Judge of the said Court.

Agents and all 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 belonging to any salvor, are requested, with as little delay as possible, to transmit the same, accompanied by the usual documents, to the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House."

Due notice will be given, by future advertisements in the London Gazette, of the date proposed for the commencement of distribution; and, at the same time, the amount of an individual's share in the respective classes will be announced.

NAVAL SALVAGE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House, July 14, 1864.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of the award for salvage service rendered to the "Marcellus," on the 9th March, 1863, by Her Majesty's ship "Doterel."

Agents or other persons having any just and legal demand, unliquidated, against the said award, are required to transmit the particulars of any such demand to the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, in order that the same may be examined, taxed, and allowed by that Officer, and paid under the sanction of the Judge of the said Court.

Agents and all other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments, or other