

Commission signed by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

7th Cinque Ports Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Thomas Holmes Gore, Esq., to be Lieutenant, vice Turner, promoted. Dated 12th September, 1864.

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

1st Derbyshire Mounted Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Henry Rangeley to be Captain, vice Brown, resigned. Dated 13th September, 1864.

Ensign William Harmer to be Lieutenant, vice Rangeley, promoted. Dated 13th September, 1864.

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

3rd Hampshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Walter Hardin to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice Cousins, promoted. Dated 15th September, 1864.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Durham.

2nd Durham Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Second Lieutenant Frederick Bradford Wilmer to be First Lieutenant. Dated 2nd June, 1864.

Second Lieutenant Alexander George McKenzie to be First Lieutenant, vice Thorman, promoted. Dated 10th September, 1864.

Second Lieutenant Thomas Charles McKenzie to be First Lieutenant, vice Meggison, resigned. Dated 10th September, 1864.

Thomas Gibbon to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 10th September, 1864.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of Captain Rolla Rouse bearing the title of Captain-Commandant of the 3rd Suffolk Rifle Volunteer Corps. Dated 24th August, 1864.

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

3rd Suffolk Rifle Volunteer Corps:

Ensign John William Rouse to be Lieutenant. Dated 1st September, 1864.

Frederick Spalding, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 1st September, 1864.

John Brook Hart to be Ensign. Dated 2nd September, 1864.

MEMORANDA.

Royal Berks Militia.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Lieutenant J. Harman Sturgis in the above Regiment.

The 5th Ross-shire Rifle Volunteer Corps having been struck off the records of the War Office will henceforth cease to hold any number or designation in the Volunteer Force of the county of Ross.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, 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, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers, transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post. And by the same Act powers were 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 postage therein mentioned.

And whereas further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act of Parliament passed in the eleventh year 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 it is expedient to authorize the transmission by the post, between the United Kingdom and the Mauritius, of certain packets, and for that purpose to make certain regulations 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 of Parliament, 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 and direct as follows; that is to say:—

1. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise of no intrinsic value, posted in any part of the United Kingdom addressed to any part of the Mauritius, or posted in any part of the Mauritius addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any part of the Mauritius, by British packet boat, direct or *viâ* Egypt, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform single rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of fourpence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such transmission thereof, respectively as aforesaid, the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

2. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise of no intrinsic value, posted in any part of the United Kingdom addressed to any part of the Mauritius, or posted in any part of the Mauritius addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any part of the Mauritius, in closed mails *viâ* France (the sea conveyance being by British or by French packet boat), subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform single rate of postage (British, colonial, and foreign combined) of sixpence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

3. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, if exceeding four ounces in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one half of a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound, and not exceeding one pound and one half of another pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid six rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and one half of another pound, and not exceeding two pounds in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid 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.

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

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

6. No pattern or sample, being of any intrinsic value, or being an article or thing of a saleable nature, or having a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern or sample, shall be transmitted by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant.

7. There shall be no enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.

8. There shall be no writing or printing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark, and numbers and prices.

9. All such packets shall be sent in covers, open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination: Nevertheless samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen, or of other material; but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened (even although they be transparent), shall not be used for that purpose. Samples of dry sugar also may be sent in tin

boxes, of such shape and construction that they be not injurious to the contents of the mail bags, or to the officers of the Post Office; but boxes so closed that they cannot be readily opened, shall not be used for that purpose.

10. If any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall in length, or depth, or width, exceed the dimensions of two feet, or shall consist wholly of patterns or samples of any intrinsic value, as in the sixth clause of this Warrant mentioned, or if there shall be any writing or printing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof (except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark, and numbers and prices), or if any such packets shall not be sent in covers, open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination (except as in the ninth clause of this Warrant mentioned), or in case of bags or boxes being used, if such bags or boxes shall be so closed that they cannot be readily opened, every such packet shall be chargeable and shall be treated in all respects as a letter.

11. If any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall contain any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, every such enclosure may be taken out by any officer of the Post Office, and either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be forwarded to the address on the packet, charged not only with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of postage equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable under the provisions of this Warrant on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight, and the remainder of the packet, if duly prepaid by stamps, may be forwarded to the place of its address, without any extra charge.

12. If any packet be sent, or be tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the authority of this Warrant, containing samples of sugar in tin boxes, of a shape and construction that they may be injurious to the contents of the mail bags, or to the officers of the Post Office (of which the Postmaster-General shall be the sole judge), every such respective packet shall and may be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster-General shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed; and every such packet on being so returned, or given up, shall be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage the Postmaster-General shall think fit, not exceeding the letter rates of postage.

13. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in the United Kingdom, shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such 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.

14. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in the Mauritius, shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by the proper colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto.

15. If any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be posted in the United

Kingdom or in the Mauritius, and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon or postage stamp or stamps so being thereon or affixed thereto, and the postage to which such packet would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage of four pence; but if any such packet shall be posted in the United Kingdom or in the Mauritius without any postage having been paid thereon or without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, every such respective packet shall be forwarded charged with a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable under and by virtue of this Warrant if the postage had been paid when posted.

16. In order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, any officer of the Post Office may delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, either for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be dispatched in due course of the post, or (at his option) until the dispatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

17. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise whether any packet or any pattern or sample contained therein, transmitted under or by virtue of this Warrant, is entitled to the privileges of this Warrant, and to be so transmitted within the intent and meaning thereof, such question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General, whose decision thereupon shall be final and conclusive upon all parties.

18. The several 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, chapter 96.

19. 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, revoke, or modify any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time may appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

20. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of October next.

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

Wm. Dunbar.

E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ACT BY THE BOROUGH OF GUILDFORD.

WHEREAS the Local Government Act, 1858, was adopted by the borough of Guildford, in the county of Surrey, on the 6th day of July, 1864; and notice of such adoption has been duly given, and the other requirements of the Act have been complied with, in relation thereto.

Now, therefore, I, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby give notice, that the Local Government Act, 1858,

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has been adopted in the said borough of Guildford; and that the said Act has the force of law within such borough from and after the expiration of two months from the date of the resolution adopting the said Act therein.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of September, 1864.

(Signed) *G. Grey.*

Home Office, Whitehall.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House, September 9, 1864.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of the proceeds of certain piratical junks, captured on the 5th September, 1860, by Her Majesty's ship "Grasshopper," and the pinnace of the "Esk."

Agents or other persons having any just and legal demand, unliquidated, against the said proceeds, 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 captor, 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.

INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the divisions of Ross and Harewood End, in the county of Hereford, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to Her Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Royal Hotel, Ross, on Monday, the 3rd day of October, 1864, at noon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax Acts for the divisions of Ross and Harewood End aforesaid.

A. Montgomery.

H. Roberts.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House,
London, September 15, 1864.