

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

2nd Administrative Brigade of Devonshire Artillery Volunteers.

Thomas Lidstone to be Honorary Quartermaster.
Dated 3rd April, 1868.

6th Devonshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Thomas Levett Prinsepp to be Captain, vice Lidstone, resigned. Dated 4th April, 1868.

13th Devonshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

William Henry Barker to be Ensign, vice Rogers, deceased. Dated 28th April, 1868.

26th Devonshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

The Reverend R. Bulkeley to be Honorary Chaplain. Dated 6th April, 1868.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of Major the Honourable Charles Wrottesley retaining his rank and wearing the uniform of his late Regiment the 1st King's Own Staffordshire Militia. Dated 4th May, 1868.

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

1st King's Own Staffordshire Militia.

Lieutenant Walter George Webb to be Captain, vice Dowie, resigned. Dated 20th April, 1868.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 18th February last.]

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

15th Staffordshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

The Reverend Josiah Stone, Clerk, to be Honorary Chaplain. Dated 25th April, 1868.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 10th ultimo.]

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

24th Staffordshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Herbert Major Morgan, Gent., M.D., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 3rd April, 1868.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain Preston O. Page in the Northumberland Artillery Militia.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-six, for the regulation of the duties of postage, power is given to the Postmaster-General to remit any of the rates of British postage or inland postage for the time being payable by law on the transmission of post letters, newspapers, or other printed papers, to such extent as the Lords of the Treasury shall from time to time

direct; and power is also 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 or inland 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 may be payable are to be paid; and it is provided that the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage should 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 eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter eighty-five, 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 reduce the rates of British postage now chargeable upon certain letters transmitted by the post, and to make certain regulations with regard thereto, in the manner hereinafter mentioned and set forth.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said 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:—

1. Every schoolmistress in Her Majesty's army, whether at home or abroad, whilst actually employed in Her Majesty's service, may both send and receive letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight by the post on her own private concerns, at a postage of one penny for each letter.

2. With respect to letters sent by any such Schoolmistress the following conditions shall be observed (that is to say):—

The postage of each letter (unless sent from parts beyond the seas as hereinafter mentioned) shall be paid, or the letter if posted within the United Kingdom shall be duly and properly stamped on being put into a Post Office established under the authority of the Postmaster-General, and upon such letter shall be superscribed the name of the writer and her class, or description in the regiment, corps, or detachment to which she shall belong; and upon every such letter there shall be written in the handwriting of and signed by the officer having at the time the command of the regiment, corps, or detachment to which the schoolmistress belongs, the name of such officer, and the name of such regiment, corps, or detachment.

3. With respect to letters received by the post by any such schoolmistress the following conditions shall be observed:—

The postage of each letter (unless sent from parts beyond the seas as hereinafter mentioned) shall be paid, or the letter if posted within the United Kingdom shall be duly and properly stamped upon putting it into a Post Office established under the authority of

the Postmaster-General ; and it shall be directed to such schoolmistress, specifying on the superscription thereof the regiment, corps, or detachment to which she shall belong; and the Deputy Postmaster of the place to which such letter shall be sent to be delivered, shall not deliver such letter to any person except the schoolmistress to whom it shall be directed, or to some person appointed to receive the same by writing under the hand of the officer in command.

4. Whenever the letters sent or received by any such schoolmistress shall be sent from parts beyond the seas, without the said postage of one penny being prepaid, every such letter shall be charged to the party receiving the same with a rate of two pence.

5. Any letters received by the post under this Warrant by any such schoolmistress which may have been redirected shall not be charged any postage on or in respect of such redirection.

6. Any such schoolmistress may both send and receive letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight by private ships between the United Kingdom and places beyond the seas and between any two of Her Majesty's Colonies whether through the United Kingdom or not, on her own private concerns, at the like postage for each letter and subject to the like conditions and regulations in all respects as are hereinbefore mentioned in respect of letters sent and received by any such schoolmistress by the post, but whenever the letters sent or received by any such schoolmistress shall be conveyed or be intended to be conveyed by private ships the gratuities payable by law to the masters of such vessels in respect of such letters shall in all cases be paid to the Post Office, in addition to such postage.

7. If in any case the conditions hereinbefore prescribed be not complied with the letter shall be charged with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

8. All letters which shall be sent by the post under the regulations of this Warrant hereinbefore contained shall be subject in addition to the rates hereby fixed to the payment of any foreign postage which may be chargeable thereon except any foreign postage chargeable on or in respect of redirection on such letters received by any such schoolmistress when such letters shall have been redirected and again forwarded by the post and transmitted or sent through any foreign country.

9. The several terms and expressions hereinbefore 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 firstly hereinbefore recited Act.

10. And we do further order and direct, that wherever, in any Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in force, provision is made whereby commissioned officers in the army are entitled to send and receive letters on their own private concerns at a reduced rate of postage, such provision shall extend and apply to letters sent to or by superintending or first class schoolmasters in Her Majesty's army on their own private concerns, in such and the same manner in every respect as if such superintending or first class schoolmasters had been expressly named and included therein.

11. 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 hereby altered 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.

12. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

*Henry Whitmore.
G. G. Montgomery.*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PARTS OF ACTS BY THE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONERS OF ABERYSTWITH, IN THE COUNTY OF CARDIGAN.

WHEREAS the Commissioners acting in and for the town of Aberystwith, in the county of Cardigan, under and by virtue of their Improvement Act (5 and 6 William IV., cap. 46), did, on the 17th day of April, 1868, adopt certain sections of the Local Government Act, 1858, and of the Local Government Act (1858) Amendment Act, 1861, within that district (that is to say, sections 29, 30, 31, 36, 39, 40, 42, 50, 51, 55, 56, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 78, 79, 80, and 81, and the following sections of the Local Government Act (1858) Amendment Act, 1861, that is to say, sections 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31), as set forth in their notice to me (in writing), as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and dated the 18th day of April, 1868.

Now, therefore, I, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State as aforesaid, do hereby give notice, that the said sections of the Local Government Act, 1858, and of the Local Government Act (1858) Amendment Act, 1861, have been duly adopted, and that in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1858, the said sections of the hereinbefore-recited Acts will, from the date of the notice of the adoption thereof, have the force of law within the district of the aforesaid Aberystwith Improvement Commissioners.

Given under my hand this 7th day of May, 1867.

(Signed) *Gathorne Hardy.*

Home Office, Whitehall.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 42.)—MEDITERRANEAN—SPAIN.

Breakwaters constructing in Port of Cartagena.

INFORMATION has been received from the Spanish Government, that two breakwaters are in the course of construction just within the entrance of the Port of Cartagena; viz.:—

An outer one on the West side of the harbour, extending in a S.E. direction from Point Navidad, and which, when completed, will be 186 yards long; at the present time, 22 yards are completed from the shore.

An inner one on the East side of the harbour, commencing from the point at the foot of the battery of S. Leandro, which will run in a straight line about W.N.W., extending to the Laja Rock, on which its head will be established; this breakwater will be nearly 870 yards long, and when completed, vessels will be able to lie alongside the