

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

1st Regiment of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Militia.

Arthur Wallace Munro, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Starkie, resigned. Dated 26th December, 1854.

3rd Regiment of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Militia.

Lieutenant Edward Monk to be Captain, vice Pedder, resigned. Dated 30th December, 1854.

Philip Haughton Whittaker, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 29th December, 1854.

Ensign John Motherwell to be Lieutenant, vice Monk, promoted. Dated 29th December, 1854.

Frederick Beasley, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 29th December, 1854.

Peyton Sheals, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 30th December, 1854.

4th or Duke of Lancaster's Own (Light Infantry) Royal Lancashire Militia.

Ensign Acquilla Kent to be Lieutenant, vice Whitehead, resigned. Dated 29th December, 1854.

Philip Morton Pitt, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Kent, promoted. Dated 29th December, 1854.

5th Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia.

George Parker, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 29th December, 1854.

Lancashire Hussars.

Sir Robert Tolver Gerard, Bart., to be Major-Commandant, vice Sir John Gerard, Bart., deceased. Dated 29th December, 1854.

Whitehall, January 1, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Ann Schofield, of Baltic, in the township of Newchurch, in the Forest of Rossendale, in the county of Lancaster, Widow and Relict of James Schofield, late of Baltic aforesaid, Woollen Manufacturer, deceased, on behalf of her only son George William Law, a Minor of the age of fifteen years and upwards, by her former husband Henry Hargreaves Law, late of Newchurch aforesaid, Gentleman, deceased, Her royal licence and authority that her son the said George William Law, may from motives of affectionate respect and regard to the memory of the said James Schofield, as well as in compliance with a proviso contained in his last will and testament, henceforth take and use the surname of Schofield in addition to, and after that of Law :

And also to command that the said royal concession and declaration be registered in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, 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 or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by an

Act, 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 it is expedient to alter the rates of postage on 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 before-mentioned 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 that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea, or posted at any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea, addressed to the United Kingdom and transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any port in Turkey or the Black Sea in closed mails via France (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by French packet-boats) there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters an uniform British rate of Postage of two-pence.

And that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Alexandria or any other place in Egypt, or posted in Egypt, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any port in Egypt, via France (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by British packet-boats) there shall be charged, taken, and paid, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters, an uniform total rate of postage of one shilling.

And we direct that on every letter transmitted, as is hereinbefore mentioned, exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable, by law, on such respective letters, progressive and additional rates of postage, as follows; that is to say :

On every letter exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding three quarters of an ounce in weight, three rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding three quarters of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every quarter of an ounce in weight, above the weight of one ounce, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and every fraction of a quarter of an ounce above the weight of one ounce, shall be charged as an additional quarter of an ounce, 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 the provisions hereinbefore contained, if not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight.

And we do further order and direct, that on every letter not exceeding one half an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Alexandria, or any other place in Egypt, or posted in Alexandria, or any other place in Egypt, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post, direct between any place

in the United Kingdom and any port in Egypt, by British packet-boat, viâ Southampton, there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable, by law, on such respective letters, an uniform rate of postage of one shilling.

And we direct, that on every letter transmitted between the United Kingdom and Egypt, as is lastly hereinbefore mentioned, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable, by law, on such respective letters, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say:

On every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding one ounce in weight, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding two ounces in weight, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight, above the weight of three ounces, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and every fraction of an ounce, above the weight of three ounces, shall be charged as one additional ounce; and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum of one shilling.

And we do further order and direct, that 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, nor 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, 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, nor to annul, prejudice, or affect any privileges under which printed newspapers, or other printed papers, are now allowed to pass by the post, or to repeal, alter, or affect the provisions of a certain Warrant, under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 17th day of May, 1854, as to certain letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea.

And we do further order and direct, that 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 present Majesty.

And we do further order and direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January next.

Provided lastly, and we hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by Warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter to alter any of the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other regulations in lieu thereof.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-ninth day of December, 1854.

Aberdeen.
Alfred Hervey.

NOTICE.

*County Courts' Registry, No. 2, New Street,
Spring Gardens.*

REDUCTION OF FEES.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to order that the following reduced fees should be taken for Searches, &c., namely:

Table of Fees.

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| For every search for a judgment or petition for protection made at the Registry | 0 | 6 |
| For forty searches, to be made within two months (<i>to be paid in advance</i>) | 10 | 0 |
| For every certificate of search, obtained either through the Clerk of the Court or by a letter to the Registrar | 2 | 0 |
| For having the record of any judgment removed from the register (<i>to be paid to the Clerk of the Court</i>) | 1 | 6 |

The registry of county courts' judgments was established to afford to traders a ready means of ascertaining the solvency of parties, and to enable executors and administrators to discover what judgment debts they are bound to satisfy.

In the registry can be found the name, address, and occupation of every party against whom a judgment has been recorded since March, 1847, in any of the county courts throughout England and Wales, for £10 and upwards, and which remains unsatisfied at the time the search is made.

INSOLVENCY.

Also the name, last address, and occupation of every party who has applied for protection from his creditors to any of the county courts since June, 1854.

NOTICE.

IN pursuance of an Act, passed in the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled "An Act to explain and amend two Acts passed in the last session of Parliament, for marriages, and for registering births, deaths, and marriages in England."

I George Graham, Esq., Registrar-General, do hereby give notice that, with the approval of the Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, the district of the Dulverton Union shall, on and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, be separated from the district of the Tiverton Union, and that each of such districts shall thereafter be one superintending Registrar's district to be named respectively, the Superintendent Registrar's district of Dulverton, and the Superintendent Registrar's District of Tiverton.

Witness my hand this twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

George Graham, Registrar-General.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a separate building, named the Baptist Chapel, situate in Stanhope-street, in the township of Toxtethpark, in the district of West Derby, in the county of Lancaster, being a building certified according to law as a place of religious worship, was, on the 22nd day of December, 1854, duly registered for solemnizing marriages therein, pursuant to the Act of 6th and 7th Wm. IV., cap. 85:

Witness my hand this 23rd day of December, 1854.

William Cleaver, Superintendent Registrar.