

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of Yorkshire.

North York Rifle Regiment of Militia.

Ensign Robert Thompson to be Lieutenant, vice Bradley, promoted. Dated 3rd October, 1855.

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," 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 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 by six several Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date respectively the 17th day of May, 1854, the 16th day of October, 1854, the 9th day of January, 1855, the 29th day of March, 1855, the 19th day of May, 1855, and the 29th day of June, 1855, certain regulations, orders, and directions were made and given, whereby the several persons in the said six several Warrants respectively mentioned and described, being persons employed in the several military, naval, or transport services, under Her Majesty, respectively mentioned in the said several Warrants, were authorised to send and receive letters transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and the several places therein respectively mentioned, such places being respectively Turkey, or the Black Sea, or any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea, the Kingdom of Greece, or any port or place in Greece, the Baltic Sea, or the adjacent waters or any port or place in the Baltic or the adjacent waters, the White Sea, or the adjacent waters or any port or place in the White Sea, or the adjacent waters and Heligoland, by the means and routes therein respectively mentioned and set forth, at certain reduced rates of postage therein specified.

And whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made whereby the said several persons in the said six several Warrants mentioned and described, being persons employed in the military, naval, or transport services under Her Majesty, respectively mentioned in the said several Warrants, should be authorised to receive packets consisting of books, publications or works of literature or art, and packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament transmitted by the post and sent and addressed to the said several persons, respectively, from any place in the United Kingdom to the said several places in the said six several Warrants respectively mentioned, by the means and routes and at the rates of postage hereinafter respectively mentioned, and under and subject to the several regu-

lations, orders and directions, conditions and restrictions hereinafter contained.

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 two before 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, direct, and declare as follows:

1. That all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, posted at any place within the United Kingdom and sent and addressed to any person employed in the several military, naval, or transport services under Her Majesty in the several places in the said six several Warrants hereinbefore recited, respectively mentioned and specified, or any of them; that is to say: in Turkey or the Black Sea, or any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea, in the Kingdom of Greece and any port or place in Greece, in the Baltic Sea or the adjacent waters, and any port or place in the Baltic Sea or the adjacent waters, in the White Sea or the adjacent waters, or any port or place in the White Sea or the adjacent waters, and in Heligoland, may be transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom, to the said several persons at the said several places respectively, subject to the several rates of postage and regulations following; that is to say:

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one penny.

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of two pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces, and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of four pence.

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 and taken one uniform rate of postage of six pence.

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 and taken one uniform rate of postage of eight pence.

And for every additional half a pound in weight of any such packet, above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged and taken an additional rate of postage of two pence.

And every fractional part of every such additional half a pound in weight, shall be charged as one half of a pound in weight.

No such packet, which in length or width or depth shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions aforesaid.

2. That the terms "Books, Publications, or Works of Literature or Art," in this present Warrant used, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, mean and include all books, whether printed, written, or plain, publications, or compilations, whether in print or in manuscript, almanacks, prints, maps, whether on paper, or canvass, or cloth, and whether printed or written, and any

description of paper, parchment, or vellum, whether printed, written upon, or plain, together with any binding, mounting, or covering of, or upon, or belonging to any book, or publication, or work, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any paper, parchment, or vellum, and any cases or rollers of prints or maps, book markers (whether of paper or otherwise), pencils, pens, or other articles usually appertaining to any such book, publication, or work, paper, parchment, or vellum, or necessary for its safe transmission except where any such packet shall be transmitted by the post upon or in respect of which a less rate of postage than a minimum rate of four pence shall be paid; and in all cases where any such packets shall be transmitted by the post upon or in respect of which a less rate of postage than a minimum rate of four pence shall be paid, every such packet shall consist of and comprise all such before mentioned books, publications, or compilations, almanacks, prints, maps, paper, parchment, or vellum only, as shall be printed or contain printed matter only (whether bound or unbound), and shall not comprise, extend to, or include any packet consisting of or containing any writing (except the address), nor any cases or rollers of prints, or maps, or book markers, pencils, pens, or other articles; and that every such packet shall be sent open at the ends or sides, and either without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides; and that there shall be no letter, either closed or open, nor any communication in the nature of a letter, nor any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorised by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet, nor shall there be any letter, or any communication in the nature of a letter, written or printed in or upon any such packet or on the cover or envelope thereof, nor (unless a minimum rate of postage of four pence shall be paid upon or in respect of any such packet) any writing whatever written in or upon any such packet, or upon the cover or envelope thereof except the address.

3. That upon every packet transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted in the United Kingdom, 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, unless any such packet be sent from any department or office in or connected with the Public Service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post Office in London, in which case the same shall be forwarded post paid, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such postage account.

4. That in order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, it shall be lawful for any officer of the Post-office to 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 despatched in due course of the post, or (at his option), until the despatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

5. That nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to interfere with or affect the transmission by the post of printed newspapers or other

printed publications which are allowed to pass by the post under the newspaper privilege.

6. That 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 breadth or width exceed the dimensions of two feet, or if any packet, or the cover or envelope of any packet, sent or tendered or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall not be open at the ends or sides, or if there shall be any letter or any communication in the nature of a letter contained in any such packet, or if there shall be any letter or communication in the nature of a letter written or printed on any such cover or envelope, or if it shall contain any writing whatever (such writing not being a letter or any communication in the nature of a letter), either inclosed in or written upon any such packet, or upon the cover or envelope thereof (except the address), and a rate of postage less than a minimum rate of four pence shall have been paid upon or in respect of any such packet, every such respective packet shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof, and every such packet, on being so returned or given up, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted, and such postage shall be paid on the packet being so returned or given up.

7. That if any packet sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent, by the post under the provisions of this Warrant (any such packet sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, and the postage thereof being charged in such account, only excepted), shall be posted, having thereon or affixed thereto a stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinbefore contained, every such last-mentioned packet shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof; and every such packet, on being so returned or given up, shall be 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 such packet would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of four pence; and if any such packet shall be posted without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, every such last-mentioned packet shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof, and every such packet, on being so returned or given up, shall be charged with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted.

8. That the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall mean, include, and be confined to, the conveyance by packet-boats, by ships of war, or by transports, direct or viâ Malta; and that 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 present Majesty.

9. That nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any packets sent through France, or any other foreign country, to which a transit rate of postage would be payable thereon.

10. That the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant duly

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

11. That this Warrant shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of October instant.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the second day of October, 1855.

Monch.
H. Brand.

POSTAGE STAMPS.—NOTICE.

*Inland Revenue, Somerset-House,
October 8, 1855.*

THE Board of Inland Revenue have, in conformity with the provisions of the 4th section of the 18th and 19th Vic., c. 78, provided the necessary apparatus for impressing with Postage Stamps paper sent in by the public for the covers or envelopes of letters.

Notice is therefore given, that the board are now prepared to receive paper, to be delivered at the Head Office, Somerset-House, London, for the purpose of being impressed with stamps for denoting the several rates of postage, subject to the following regulations, namely :

When the amount of the stamps required by any person shall not exceed £10, a fee of one shilling will be charged in addition to the duty, if paper of one size only be sent in, and if more than one size be sent in then a fee of one shilling for each size.

On the Warrants hereafter mentioned no fee will be payable, but the sizes of paper will be restricted as follows :

When the amount exceeds £10, and is under £20, paper of one size only will be received.

If the amount exceeds £20, and is under £30, two sizes of paper only will be received ; £30 and under £40 three sizes of paper ; £40 and under £50 four sizes of paper ; and not more than four sizes of paper will be allowed to be included in any one Warrant of however high an amount.

No folded envelopes can be stamped, and therefore paper whether intended for envelopes or for letters, must be sent in unfolded, and every distinct size and form of envelope or paper must be marked so as to indicate the place on which the stamp is to be impressed, in order that it may appear in the proper position according to the rules of the Post Office, when the envelope or letter is folded and made up.

No coloured paper can be received for stamping, nor any paper of such thinness as not to bear the impression of the dies.

Envelopes provided by this office with the proper stamps thereon, will be substituted for any of those sent in which may be spoiled in the operation of stamping.

It should be borne in mind that licensed vendors only are authorized to sell postage stamps impressed as above-mentioned or any other.

By order of the Board,
Thomas Keogh, Secretary.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

*Department of the Accountant-General
of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset
House, October 4, 1855.*

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Crews of Her Majesty's ships Amphion and Conflict, and to all other persons interested in the distribution of proceeds arising from eight Russian schooners, captured on the 17th May, 1854, by the said ships, that, with reference to the advertisement published in the London Gazette of the 17th and 21st August, and of the 2nd October, 1855, giving notice of distribution to commence on the 15th instant, such schooners are described in the decree of condemnation, severally, as the Polka, Louisa, Livonia, Louise Annalie, Alexander, Johanna Carl, Anna Catarina, and name unknown.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

*Department of the Accountant-General
of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset
House, October 8, 1855.*

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now making for the intended distribution of proceeds arising from the Russian brigantine galliot Antoine, captured on the 21st May, 1854, by Her Majesty's ship Dragon, H.M. ships Magicienne and Impérieuse in company.

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.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a separate building, named Paraclete Chapel, situate at Newton, in the parish of Oystermouth, in the county of Glamorgan, in the district of Swansea, being a building certified according to law as a place of religious worship, was, on the 1st day of October, 1855, duly registered for solemnizing marriages therein, pursuant to the Act of 6th and 7th Wm. IV., cap. 85.

Charles Collins, Superintendent Registrar.