

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Worcester.*

*13th Worcestershire Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Ensign Francis Knipe to be Lieutenant, vice Gustard, resigned.  
Edward John Lucy to be Ensign, vice Knipe, promoted.

MEMORANDA.

*1st Norfolk Artillery Volunteer Corps.*

Adjutant James Morris Hill, late Major Military Train, to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 12th March, 1864.

*29th Kent Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

The name of the Lieutenant promoted in this Corps is John Furley, and not John Hurley.

*37th Kent Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

The Commission of Lieutenant Henry J. Farrar has been antedated to 27th October, 1860.

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 East Indies 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 merchandize of no intrinsic value posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any part of the East Indies, or posted in any part of the East Indies, addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom, and any part of the East Indies, by British packet boat direct or via Egypt, sub-

ject 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 merchandize of no intrinsic value, posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any part of the East Indies, or posted in any part of the East Indies, addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any part of the East Indies, in closed mails, via 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, di-

rections, regulations, and conditions hereinafter contained, (that is to say):

5. No such packet, which in length, or breadth, or width shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, or which shall exceed the weight of three pounds, 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 number and price.

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.

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 breadth, or width exceed the dimensions of two feet, or shall exceed the weight of three pounds, 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 number and price, or if any such packets shall not be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination (except samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, and which may be enclosed in bags of linen, or of other material), or in case of bags being used, if such bags 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. 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.

13. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid posted in the East Indies 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.

14. 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 East Indies, 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 equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable under this Warrant, on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight; but if any such packet shall be posted in the United Kingdom or in the East Indies 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.

15. 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.

16. The several packets transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage respectively, contained in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 19th day of February, 1855, relating to redirected rates of postage upon letters and packets, which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post, so far as the same are applicable to such packets.

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 term "East Indies," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to mean every port or place in Her Majesty's dominions in Asia (Hong Kong, Ceylon, Mauritius, Labuan, and Australia excepted), 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, cap. 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 1st day of April, 1864.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 15th day of March, 1864.

*William Dunbar.*  
*Luke White.*

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

#### QUORNDON AND RUSKINGTON.

WHEREAS Resolutions for the adoption of the Local Government Act, 1858, have been passed by the township of Quorndon, in the county of Leicester, and by the parish of Ruskington, in the county of Lincoln, each being a place with a population of less than 3,000 by the last census. And whereas it has appeared to me, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, that by reason of special circumstances, it is expedient that the said township of Quorndon and parish of Ruskington shall be allowed to adopt the said Act, I do hereby approve of such adoption by the township and parish aforesaid; and I do hereby further order that the Local Government Act, 1858, do come into force within such township and parish, from and after the 21st day of March, 1864.

Given under my hand this 16th day of March, 1864.

(Signed) *G. Grey.*

Home Office, Whitehall.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ACT BY BLANDFORD FORUM AND RAMSBOTTOM.

WHEREAS the Local Government Act, 1858, was adopted by the district of Blandford Forum, in the county of Dorset, as settled for the purposes of such Act, on the 25th day of January, 1864, and by the parish of Ramsbottom, in the county of Lancaster, on the 25th day of February, 1864; and notice of such adoption has in each case been duly given, and the other requirements of the Act have been complied with.

Now, therefore, I, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby give notice, that the Local Government Act, 1858, has been adopted in the hereinbefore-named district of Blandford Forum and parish of Ramsbottom; and that the said Act will have the force of law within such district from and after the expiration of two months from the date of the resolution adopting the said Act therein; and within the said parish of Ramsbottom at the expiration of twenty-one days from the date of the resolution adopting such Act therein.

Given under my hand this 16th day of March, 1864.

(Signed) *G. Grey.*

Home Office, Whitehall.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 11.)—EAST INDIES—EAST COAST OF CEYLON.

#### *Flashing Light on Foul Point.*

THE Colonial Government of Ceylon has given notice, that on and after the 1st day of February, 1864, a light would be exhibited from a light-

house recently erected on Foul point, the south-eastern point of approach to the great bay of Trincomalie.

The light is a white light, showing a *flash* every *half-minute*, and should be seen in clear weather from a distance of 17 miles. Beyond the distance of 7 miles the eclipses are total between the flashes, but within that distance there is a faint continuous light.

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

The tower stands in lat. 8° 32' 10" N., long. 81° 18' 50" East of Greenwich.

#### *Fixed Light on Round Island.*

Also, that on and after the 1st day of February, 1864, a light would be exhibited from a light-house recently erected on Round Island, at the entrance to Trincomalie harbour.

The light is a *fixed* white light, visible in clear weather from a distance of 10 miles. When bearing between W. by S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S., and S.W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S.; and within a distance of 7 miles, it shows *red*. Approaching between these bearings the white light is not seen.

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

*Directions.*—In approaching Trincomalie harbour from the southward, bring Foul point light to bear west, distant 2 miles; and then steer N.W. until Round Island light bears W.S.W.; then steer for this latter light until Chapel-hill, the high bluff eastern extreme of land on the north side of entrance, and easily seen in the darkest night, bears north, distant about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles; then steer W. by N., until Round Island light bears S. by E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  E.; then steer N. by W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  W., passing midway between *Ostenberg point* and *Sober Island*, and anchor with the light bearing S. by E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  E. in 12 fathoms water. After passing *Ostenberg point* the water shoals rapidly from 25 to 12 fathoms.

Approaching from the northward, when Foul point light is seen, bring it to bear S. by E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  E., and steer for it until Round Island light bears S.W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W.; then steer for Round Island light until the extreme point of Chapel-hill bears N. by E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E.; then proceed as before.

The *red* light is intended to direct vessels clear of the dangers off Foul point; and the Chapel rock, off the headland of the same name; and in working in or out should be kept in sight to avoid these dangers.

[*All Bearings are Magnetic. Variation 1° 0' East in 1864.*]

By command of their Lordships.

*Geo. Henry Richards*, Hydrographer.  
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,  
5th March, 1864.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Harbour and Bays of Trincomalie, No. 815; Harbour of Trincomalie, No. 816; Ceylon, East Coast, No. 2031; Bay of Bengal, No. 70 a; Indian Ocean, Nos. 748 a, 748 b, and 2483. Also, East India Lights List, Nos. 56, 57.

### NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

*Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House, March 11, 1864.*

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of the slave and tonnage bounties, &c., of the seven dhows,