

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex.**West Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Stephen Harlowe Harlowe to be Ensign, vice Gibson, resigned. Dated 29th November, 1864.

George Henley Barber to be Ensign, vice Daniell, promoted. Dated 29th November, 1864.

Thomas Dane to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 29th November, 1864.

29th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign George Butler to be Lieutenant, vice Stoneham, resigned. Dated 30th November, 1864.

MEMORANDUM.

The 5th Oxfordshire Rifle Volunteer Corps having been struck out of the records of the War Office will henceforth cease to hold any number or designation in the Volunteer Force of the county of Oxford. Dated 7th December, 1864.

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, cap. 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 authorise the transmission by the post between the United Kingdom and the places hereinafter mentioned 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 of the places in Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, at which France maintains post offices, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom via France, to any of the places hereinbefore mentioned (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being 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 of four pence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows (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 for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of one pound and one half of another pound, 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.

2. 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):—

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

4. 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.

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

6. There shall be no writing 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.

7. 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.

8. Every packet transmitted by the post under this Warrant, and posted in the United Kingdom, shall be put into the Post Office at such hours in the day, and under all such regulations, as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

9. 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, either in money or 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.

10. If any packet authorised to be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant be sent otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations established by or under the authority of this Warrant, the same shall and may be detained and opened, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be either returned or be given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom the same shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with any rates of postage the Postmaster-General may think fit, not exceeding the rates that would be chargeable on such packet as an unpaid letter.

11. 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, for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be despatched in due course of the post, whenever it may be necessary so to do, 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.

12. 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.

13. 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, cap. 96.

14. 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.

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

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

E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.
Luke White.

Whitehall, December 8, 1864.

The Certificate granted by the Secretary of State, under the Industrial Schools Act, 1861, to the Liverpool Industrial and Ragged Schools in Soho-street, Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, has been withdrawn.

Whitehall, December 8, 1864.

The Liverpool Industrial Ragged Schools in Everton-terrace, Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, have been certified by the Secretary of State as fit to be Industrial Schools, under the provisions of the Industrial Schools Act, 1861.

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The Certificate granted by the Secretary of State, under the Act 17 and 18 Vict., c. 86, to the Toxteth Park Girls' Reformatory School, in the Wellington-road, Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, has been withdrawn.

Whitehall, December 8, 1864.

The Toxteth Park Girls' Reformatory School in Park Hill-road, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, has been certified by the Secretary of State as fit to be a Reformatory School, under the provisions of the Statute 17 and 18 Vict., c. 86.

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No. 3, St. James'-square, London,
December 12, 1864.*

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 67.)—MEDITERRANEAN—ISLAND OF CYPRUS.

Fixed Red Light at Larnaka.

THE Turkish Government has given notice, that on and after the 15th day of November, 1864, a light would be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected at Larnaka, on the south side of the island of Cyprus.

The light is a *fixed red* light, at an elevation of 46 feet above the mean level of the sea, and in clear weather should be visible at a distance of 4 miles.

The tower stands at about 165 yards from the Lazaret, in lat. $34^{\circ} 55' N.$, long. $33^{\circ} 38' 55''$ East of Greenwich.