

46th Foot, Captain and Brevet-Major Andrew Gammell, from the 31st Foot, to be Captain, vice Brevet-Major J. B. Lind, who exchanges. Dated 29th December, 1865.

72nd Foot, Lieutenant Reginald Garnett, from the 45th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice F. T. Goad, who exchanges. Dated 30th October, 1865.

76th Foot, Captain John Geddes to be Major, by purchase, vice C. Lorenzo De Winton, who retires. Dated 29th December, 1865.

Lieutenant Edward Harrison to be Captain, by purchase, vice Geddes. Dated 29th December, 1865.

Ensign George Denis Sampson to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Harrison. Dated 29th December, 1865.

Ensign Charles James Elphinstone Rhenins, from the 12th Foot, to be Ensign, vice Sampson. Dated 29th December, 1865.

78th Foot, The promotion of Lieutenant J. F. W. Kane to be dated 22nd November, 1865.

1st West India Regiment, Ensign Henry John Hughes de Vismes to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Charles L. John FitzGerald, who has retired. Dated 29th December, 1865.

Ensign Frederick Ekins Lindoe, from the 4th West India Regiment, to be Ensign, vice de Vismes. Dated 29th December, 1865.

4th West India Regiment, Herbert William Paterson, Gent., to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Crum, promoted. Dated 29th December, 1865.

MILITARY STORE DEPARTMENT.

Military Store Staff Corps, Serjeant-Major Thomas Hassall, from the Coast Brigade of Royal Artillery, to be Quartermaster. Dated 29th December, 1865.

CHAPLAIN'S DEPARTMENT.

The Reverend Leonard H. St. George, B.D., Chaplain of the Fourth Class, to be Chaplain of the Third Class. Dated 1st September, 1865.

UNATTACHED.

The undermentioned Ensigns on the Unattached List, Bombay Army, to be Lieutenants:

Arthur Steers. Dated 29th December, 1865.

Michael Toole. Dated 29th December, 1865.

BREVET.

Colonel Second Commandant Augustus Dover Lyddon Farrant, retired upon full pay, late Royal Marine Light Infantry, to have the honorary rank of Major-General, in accordance with the provisions of the Order in Council of 18th November, 1858. Dated 12th December, 1865.

Major and Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Stuart Baynes, Unattached, having completed the qualifying service in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, to be Colonel, under the Royal Warrant of 24th October, 1858. Dated 7th September, 1865.

Major Richard Roney, half-pay, Depot Battalion, late Assistant Inspector of Volunteers, to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 26th October, 1865.

The following promotions to take place in succession to Lieutenant-General John Alexander

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Philips, of the Royal Marines, who died on the 27th November, 1865:—

Major Hugh Rowlands, 41st Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 28th November, 1865.

Captain Arthur Wellesley Williams, 77th Foot, to be Major. Dated 28th November, 1865.

Admiralty, 27th December, 1865.

Commander William Elworthy Triscott has been promoted to the rank of Retired Captain, under the provisions of the Orders in Council of 1860 and 1864, with seniority from 22nd instant.

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

George Eden Jarvis, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 23rd December, 1865.

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

1st Aberdeenshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

David Smith to be Ensign, vice Charles Frederick Runcy, resigned. Dated 16th December, 1865.

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

3rd Cambridgeshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Viscount Royston to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Baker, resigned. Dated 26th December, 1865.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Chester, and County of the City of Chester.

5th Cheshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Second Lieutenant George Hamilton Bold to be First Lieutenant. Dated 5th December, 1865.

Arthur Travis Clay, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant, vice Golborne, resigned. Dated 5th December, 1865.

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

1st Manchester Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Josiah William Dancer, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Dickson, resigned. Dated 15th December, 1865.

Edward Welbank Robinson Mitchell, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Knight, resigned. Dated 15th December, 1865.

24th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Robert James Davies Colley, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 14th December, 1865.

MEMORANDUM.

Adjutant Charles Douglas, of the 3rd Glamorganshire Rifle Volunteer Corps, to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 23rd December, 1865.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty,

chapter 96, 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 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 whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act, made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the tenth and eleventh years 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 certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament, made and passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 27, for amending the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and for providing for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications.

And whereas a Convention hath been lately made and concluded between the General Post-Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the General Post-Office of Austria, for the purpose of improving the postal service between the United Kingdom and Austria, and it is expedient for the better carrying out of the same that certain regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

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 respectively, and all and every or some or one 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, declare and direct as follows, that is to say:

1. On every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any place in Austria or to the city of Belgrade, or posted in the city of Belgrade, or in any place in Austria, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Austria or the city of Belgrade, via France, there shall be charged and taken and paid an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of six pence, if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of eight pence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any foreign country, or posted in any foreign country, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any such foreign country, via France and Austria, there shall be charged and taken and paid an uniform rate of British postage of two pence, if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such

respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of three pence.

3. On every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight posted in any place in Austria or in the city of Belgrade addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, or posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country addressed to any place in Austria or to the city of Belgrade, and transmitted by the post between any place in Austria or the city of Belgrade and any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed between Austria and the United Kingdom via France, there shall be charged and taken and paid for such transmission thereof through the United Kingdom an uniform rate of British postage of two pence if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of three pence.

4. On every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, transmitted between the port of Trieste and Alexandria by Austrian packet-boat, and further transmitted between Suez and any port in the East Indies, China, Australia, or New Zealand, by British packet-boat, and on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight posted at the Austrian Post Office, in Alexandria addressed to any place in the East Indies, China, Australia, or New Zealand, or posted in any place in the East Indies, China, Australia, or New Zealand, and forwarded from thence in a mail addressed to Trieste or the Austrian Post Office in Alexandria, and transmitted by British packet-boat between Suez and any port in the East Indies, China, Australia, or New Zealand, without in any of such cases passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged, taken and paid for such transmission thereof respectively, between Suez and any port in the East Indies, China, Australia, or New Zealand, a uniform rate of British postage of six pence.

5. On every letter so transmitted as is hereinbefore in this Warrant respectively mentioned if exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

On every such letter so transmitted exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight and not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, two rates of postage;

On every such letter so transmitted exceeding one half of an ounce and not exceeding three quarters of an ounce in weight, three rates of postage;

On every such letter so transmitted exceeding three quarters of an ounce and not exceeding one ounce in weight, four rates of postage;

And for every quarter of an ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of one ounce, there shall be charged, taken, and paid one additional rate of postage; and in charging any additional rate of postage, every fractional part of such additional quarter of an ounce shall be charged as an additional quarter of an ounce in weight, 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 this Warrant if not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight.

6. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in any place in Austria

or in the city of Belgrade, addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, or posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country addressed to any place in Austria or to the city of Belgrade, and transmitted by the post between any place in Austria or the city of Belgrade and any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed between Austria and the United Kingdom via France, there shall be charged, taken, and paid over and above the uniform rate of British postage mentioned in the third clause of this Warrant, for the transmission thereof through the United Kingdom, such a further or additional rate of British postage for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same, and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such colony or foreign country: Provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted therefrom the sum of one penny in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

7. On every such letter so transmitted as hereinbefore in the 6th clause of this Warrant mentioned, if exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight there shall be charged, taken and paid the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

On every such letter, if exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged taken and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such letter, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce in weight three rates of postage;

And on every such letter, if exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight four rates of postage;

And for every additional half of an ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of two ounces there shall be charged, taken, and paid one additional rate of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of an ounce in weight shall be charged as an additional half of an ounce in weight, 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 this Warrant if not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight.

8. If any letter transmitted by the post under the authority of the 1st clause of this Warrant shall be posted, and the postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such letter shall be charged with postage as an unpaid letter, and the amount of such postage paid thereon or stamp or stamps affixed thereto shall be allowed and deducted in charging such postage thereon.

9. Registered letters may be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant upon the payment of such additional charges or rates of postage, or otherwise as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct or appoint in that behalf: Provided that all rates of postage and additional charges or rates from time to time payable thereupon shall be prepaid, and that no payment shall be made thereupon on the delivery of any such registered letters.

10. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by the said first hereinbefore recited Act, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service are now by law entitled to, of sending and receiving by the post letters not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions made and in force for the time being in respect of the same.

11. On every packet consisting of a printed British newspaper not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any place in Austria or to the city of Belgrade, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any place in Austria or the city of Belgrade, via France, and on every packet consisting of a printed British newspaper not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any foreign country, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any foreign country, via France and Austria (the conveyance from Austria to such foreign country being otherwise than by Austrian mail packet-boats, and otherwise than by private ships), there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of two pence, and every such packet shall be transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto.

12. On every packet consisting of a printed British newspaper, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any foreign country, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any foreign country, viz., France and Austria (the conveyance from Austria to such foreign country being by Austrian mail packet boat, or by private ship), there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined), of three pence, and every such packet shall be transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto.

13. All packets, consisting of printed papers other than British newspapers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any place in Austria, or to the city of Belgrade, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any place in Austria, or to the city of Belgrade, via France, and all packets consisting of printed papers, other than British newspapers, or consisting of patterns, or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any foreign country, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom, to any foreign country, via France and Austria (the conveyance from Austria to such foreign country being otherwise than by Austrian mail packet boats, and otherwise than

By private ships) may be so transmitted respectively in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations and conditions therein mentioned, and contained relating thereto, and there shall be charged, taken and paid for a further transmission of every such packet via Austria via the office of postage (British and foreign consular) of four pence.

From all packets, consisting of printed papers not of all kinds, consisting of printed papers other than British newspapers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise of no intrinsic value, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to any foreign country, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any foreign country via France and Austria (the conveyance from Austria to such foreign country being by Austrian mail packet post, or by private ship), may be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto, and there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission of every such packet in uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of five pence.

15. All packets, consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise of no intrinsic value, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in any place in the East Indies, China, Australia, or New Zealand, and forwarded from thence in a mail addressed to Messrs or the Austrian Post Office, in Alexandria, and transmitted by British packet about four or five ports in the East Indies, China, Australasia, or New Zealand to Suez, without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged, taken and paid for such transmission thereof respectively, from any port in the East Indies, China, Australia, or New Zealand, to Suez, an uniform rate of British postage of three pence.

16. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th clauses of this Warrant, hereinafter respectively contained, shall, if exceeding the weight of four ounces, respectively be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

On every such packet so transmitted, if exceeding four ounces in weight and not exceeding one half of a pound, in weight, two rates of postage;

And, on every such packet if exceeding one half of a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight, four rates of postage;

And, on every such packet, if exceeding one pound, and not exceeding one pound and one-half of another pound, and one-half of another pound in weight, 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, 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 in charging any additional rates of postage, every fractional part of such additional half of a pound 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 were it not exceeding four ounces in weight.

17. As to all packets hereinafter in the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th clauses of this Warrant, respectively, authorized to be sent by the Post, the postage thereof 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; and as to all packets hereinafter in the 15th clause of this Warrant, respectively, authorized to be sent by the Post, the postage thereof shall, in every case, be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by being stamped with the proper colonial 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, number or by virtue of this Warrant (unless any such packet be sent from any department of office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty which shall have 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; and if any such packet shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon in the manner hereinafter mentioned, every such packet shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof, and, if being so returned or given up, shall, at the option of the Postmaster-General, be either free of postage or be charged with any rate of postage he may think fit, not exceeding the postage to which it would have been liable as an unpaid letter. But if any such packet as is hereinafter in the 11th and 13th clauses of this Warrant respectively authorized to be transmitted by the Post, shall be posted with a postage paid thereon which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded, charged with double the amount of the deficient postage.

18. All packets consisting of printed newspapers or other printed papers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise of no intrinsic value, posted in Austria or the city of Belgrade, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the Post from any place in Austria or the city of Belgrade to any part of the United Kingdom via France, shall and may be so transmitted, free from British postage, subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained, relating thereto.

19. All packets, consisting of printed newspapers or other printed papers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise of no intrinsic value, not exceeding two ounces in weight, posted in Austria or the city of Belgrade, addressed to any of Her Majesty's Colonies, and posted in any of Her Majesty's Colonies, and addressed to Austria or the city of Belgrade, and transmitted by the Post between any place in Austria or the city of Belgrade and any of Her Majesty's Colonies via France, and through the United Kingdom, and all packets consisting of printed newspapers or other printed papers, for consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise of no intrinsic value, not exceeding two ounces in weight, posted in any foreign country, addressed to any of Her Majesty's Colonies, or posted in any of Her Majesty's Colonies, and addressed, to any foreign country and transmitted by the Post between any foreign country, and any of Her Majesty's Colonies via Austria and France,

and through the United Kingdom; may be so transmitted respectively, in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained, relating thereto; and there shall be charged, taken and paid for the transmission of every such packet, an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of two pence.

20. All packets transmitted by the Post under the 19th clause of this Warrant shall, if exceeding the weight of two ounces respectively, be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

On every such packet so transmitted, if exceeding two ounces in weight, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken and paid two rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding one-half of a pound in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one-half of a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of one pound, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four additional rates of postage.

And for 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 two ounces in weight.

21. For the purposes of this Warrant, every printed British newspaper transmitted by the post under the 11th and 12th Clauses of this Warrant, shall be deemed and considered a packet, and shall be charged and chargeable with a separate and distinct single rate or separate and distinct progressive and additional rates of postage according to the weight thereof; as hereinbefore respectively mentioned; notwithstanding two or more newspapers shall be enclosed and transmitted in one and the same cover, wrapper, envelope, or bundle, and form; only one parcel or bundle of newspapers, and every printed supplement or additional sheet to any such newspaper, shall, for the purpose of charging the postage under this Warrant, be deemed a distinct newspaper, unless sent in the same cover or together with the newspaper to which it is a supplement or addition.

22. Every packet, consisting of a printed British newspaper, or of printed papers other than British newspapers, or of printed newspapers, or other printed papers, or of printed papers other than newspapers, which shall be respectively transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions following, that is to say:

Every British newspaper shall be printed and published at intervals not exceeding thirty or forty days between any two consecutive numbers or parts of such publication; and the same shall be registered at the General Post Office in London; and shall be posted within fifteen days from the date of its publication; and the title and date of the

newspaper shall be printed at the top of every page thereof.

Every 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 there shall be no written letter, either closed or open, nor any written communication in the nature of a letter, either closed or open (whether such letter or communication be addressed to or intended for the person to whom the packet shall be directed or any other person), nor any inclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other inclosure not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet, nor shall there be any word or communication printed on the contents of any such packet after the publication thereof, nor any writing, figures, or marks upon any such contents of the cover thereof not authorized by this Warrant, except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent, but the name or title of any newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, news vendor, or agent by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof, and any packet of printed papers, other than a printed newspaper, may have any matter or thing printed on the cover thereof.

No packet shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant which shall exceed the weight of three pounds, or which shall exceed two feet in length or one foot in depth or width.

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

23. Every packet, consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize which shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions following, that is to say:

No such packet shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant which shall exceed the weight of eight ounces, or which in length shall exceed two feet, or in width or depth one foot;

There shall be no enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection and examination, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant sent in or with any such packet;

No such pattern or sample of merchandize shall be of any intrinsic value, and no article so transmitted shall be of a saleable nature or such as has any mercantile value, either by reason of its quality or its quantity, or of which any use might be made otherwise than as a pattern or sample of merchandize;

There shall be no writing or printing upon any such packet, or the cover thereof, or contained therein, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, and a manufacturer's or trade mark, and number and price of the pattern or sample; and every such manufacturer's or trade mark, number, and price shall be written or printed on labels attached to such patterns or samples, or to the bags or boxes containing the same; and not on loose pieces of paper or other material;

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 boxes or in bags of linen, paper, or other material which shall be tied with a string or otherwise fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened, and closed bags, if transparent, may be used for this purpose;

No article which might injure the contents of the mail bags, or the persons of the officers of the Post Office, shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant.

24. If any packet transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant (except packets transmitted under the authority of the 15th clause thereof) be sent by the post otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations applicable thereto, established by or under the 22nd and 23rd clauses of this Warrant, the same shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, 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.

25. In order to prevent any obstacle 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 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.

26. In all cases in which any question shall hereinafter arise whether any packet, or anything 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 on all parties.

27. The term "East Indies" used in this Warrant shall be construed to mean every port or place in Her Majesty's dominions in Asia (except Australia and New Zealand), and the term "printed papers" when used in this Warrant shall mean, comprise, and include any number of separate books or other publications, prints or maps whether printed, engraved or lithographed, and whether on paper, parchment, or vellum, and also photographs on paper, parchment, or vellum, and all legitimate binding, mounting or covering of a book, publication, print, or map, or of a portion thereof whether such binding, mounting, or covering be loose or attached, as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise), in the case of books, and whatsoever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter, or usually appertains thereto; and also, when contained in any packet consisting of unbound proof sheets only, any ordinary corrections in writing of such unbound proof sheets; but shall not mean, comprise or include any photographs, drawings, prints, or other articles which may be obviously of an obscene character; 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 re-

cited Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 96.

28. The rates of postage fixed by this present Warrant on the letters and packets transmitted as herein respectively mentioned, shall be in lieu of any rates now chargeable by law thereon.

29. 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 of postage hereby fixed, or any of the orders, directions, regulations and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations or conditions in lieu thereof, and may from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-second day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.
Luke White.

INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the division of Hull, in the county of York, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to Her Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners, for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Townhall, Lowgate, Hull, on Tuesday, the 16th day of January, 1866, at twelve o'clock at noon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax Acts for the division of Hull aforesaid.

Alex. Duff Gordon.
James Disraeli.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House,
London, December 28, 1865.

PROCLAMATION by his Excellency Sir Philip Edmond Wodehouse, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, in South Africa, and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof, and Vice-Admiral of the same, and Her Majesty's High Commissioner, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS it appears by the latest accounts received from Europe, that a most malignant and destructive disease has broken out in England amongst sheep, which disease, being either identical with, or of the same nature as, the disease amongst horned cattle referred to in the Act No. 18, 1865, entitled "An Act to prevent the introduction into this Colony of Malignant Diseases affecting Horned Cattle," was spreading