

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 31st ultimo.]

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

2nd Essex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

The Reverend James Hughes Owen to be Honorary Chaplain. Dated 22nd August, 1866.

MEMORANDA.

Adjutant William Carr, of the East and North Yorkshire Artillery Militia, to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 20th September, 1866.

Adjutant Colin Duff, of the 1st Inverness Artillery Volunteer Corps, to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 19th September, 1866.

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 are 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 that regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of certain packets from the United Kingdom and the British and Foreign West Indies to certain other places 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 two 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, direct, and declare as follows; that is to say:

1. All packets consisting of printed papers (other than British newspapers), or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, of no intrinsic value, respectively, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to any port in Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, Peru, or Central America, respectively, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to any port in Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, Peru, or Central America, respectively, via Panama, 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 British rate of postage of six pence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces and not exceeding twelve ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid three rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding twelve ounces and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four rates of postage;

And for every additional four ounces in weight of any such packet above the weight of sixteen ounces, 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 four ounces shall be charged as an additional four ounces 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. All packets consisting of printed papers (other than British newspapers), or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, of no intrinsic value, respectively posted in the British or foreign West Indies, addressed to any port in the United States of Columbia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru, may be transmitted by the post from the British or foreign West Indies to any port in the United States of Columbia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru, via Panama (the sea conveyance being by British 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 British rate of postage of three pence;

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 further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

3. All packets consisting of printed papers (other than British newspapers), or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, posted in the British or foreign West Indies, addressed to any port in Central America, or to any port in Australia or New Zealand respectively, may be transmitted by British packet boat from the British or foreign West Indies to any port in the United States of Columbia, for transmission thence to Central America, Australia, or New Zealand, subject for such transmission thereof respectively to any port in the United States of Columbia, 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 British rate of postage of three pence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such transmission thereof as aforesaid, the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

4. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the second and third clauses of this Warrant, 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, 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 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 two additional rates of postage, and in charging any additional rates of postage 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.

5. Every packet consisting of printed papers (other than British newspapers), which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides, and it may contain any number of separate books, or other publications, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment or vellum, and the books or other publications, prints or maps, may be either printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three; and all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, publication, print, or map, or of a portion thereof, shall be allowed to pass by the post, 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; but no packet shall contain any written letter, nor any communication in the nature of a letter, closed or open, nor any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any communication in the nature of a letter written in or upon any such packet or the cover thereof, nor shall any packet consist of or contain any photographs, drawings, prints, or other contents which may be obviously of an obscene character.

6. Every packet consisting of patterns, or samples of merchandise, 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:—

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 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.

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 numbers and prices.

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, paper, or other material, tied at the neck; but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for this purpose.

7. No packet which shall exceed two feet in length, or one foot in breadth or depth, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, unless under the special authority of the Postmaster-General.

8. Every packet transmitted by the post under 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.

9. The postage of all such packets authorized to be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted.

10. If any packet shall be posted, or shall be transmitted by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations applicable thereto, established by or under this Warrant, the same shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof.

11. 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 dispatched 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.

12. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter 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.

13. The term "British West Indies," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to mean and include the following colonies and places and their respective dependencies; that is to say:—Antigua, Bahamas, Barbadoes, Bermuda, Barbice, Carriacou, Demerara, Dominica, Grenada, Honduras, Jamaica, Montserrat, Nevis, Saint Kitts, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, Tobago, Tortola, Trinidad, and Turks Islands; the term "Foreign West Indies," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to mean and include the following Islands and places; that is to say:—Saint Thomas, Saint Croix, Saint Martin's, Martinique, Guadeloupe, Curaçoa, Saint Eustatius, the Mosquito territory, Cuba, Porto Rico, and Mexico; 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 recited Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-six.

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, 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.

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

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the eighteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

Henry Whitmore.
G. G. Montgomery.

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 it is expedient to alter certain of the rates of postage now payable upon certain letters and packets transmitted by the post under the authority of a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 25th day of May last, and for that purpose to repeal such last-mentioned Warrant.

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-half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to New Zealand or Australia, transmitted by the post from any place in the United

Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia via Panama (the sea conveyance being partly by British and partly by colonial packet boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of sixpence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post from any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia via Panama (the sea conveyance from the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia being partly by British and partly by colonial packet boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined), of sixpence for the conveyance of every such letter from any port in the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia; and for the conveyance of every such letter from the British colony or foreign country from which the same shall be forwarded to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in any such British colony or foreign country, and transmitted direct from such colony or foreign country to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, 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.

3. All such respective letters so transmitted, as is mentioned in the first and second clauses of this Warrant, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:—

On every letter so transmitted, 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 letter so transmitted, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage;

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage;

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding three ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage;

And for every additional ounce in weight of any letter so transmitted as aforesaid, above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage; and every fractional part of such additional ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as an additional 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;

4. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by colonial packet boat from Panama to New Zealand or Australia (without such letters having previously passed through the United Kingdom), there shall be