

Admiralty, 20th December, 1869.

Corps of Royal Marines.

Lieutenant Henry Harford Strong, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, has been appointed Adjutant at the Royal Marine Depot at Walmer, from the 12th instant, vice Captain Straghan, whose period of service expired on that date.

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Staff Captain Henry Paul has been this day placed on the Retired List with the rank of Captain in Her Majesty's Fleet, under Order in Council of 26th June, 1867.

Acting Lieutenant Cecil Brooke Palmer to be Lieutenant, with seniority from the 20th July, 1869, having passed the necessary examinations at the Royal Naval College.

Queen's Commission.

19th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Edmund Hicks Beach Lysons, Lieutenant, half-pay, Royal Marine Light Infantry, to be Adjutant, from the 1st December, 1869.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Carmarthen.

1st Administrative Battalion of Carmarthenshire Rifle Volunteers.

David Rees Watkins, Gent., to be Surgeon. Dated 17th December, 1869.

5th Carmarthenshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Honorary Assistant-Surgeon Benjamin Thomas to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 17th December, 1869.

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

Cornwall Rangers Militia.

The Honourable Charles Eliot, late Lieutenant Grenadier Guards, to be Captain. Dated 11th December, 1869.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lanark.

4th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign James Ritchie to be Lieutenant. Dated 30th November, 1869.
William Ferguson to be Lieutenant. Dated 1st December, 1869.

19th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Alexander Brown to be Ensign, vice Muirhead, resigned. Dated 14th September, 1869.

MEMORANDUM.

Adjutant Augustus William Price, of the 3rd Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps, to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 9th December, 1869.

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

1st Northumberland Artillery Volunteer Corps.

First Lieutenant John Wait to be Captain, vice Trevelyan, resigned. Dated 10th December, 1869.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Edinburgh or Midlothian.

1st Midlothian Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Robert Dickson to be Ensign, vice Barber, resigned. Dated 7th December, 1869.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Somerset.

1st Somerset Regiment of Militia.

Francis Gamble Blood, late Major 69th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Prowse, promoted. Dated 14th December, 1869.

West Somerset Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.

Robert Neville, Esq., to be Cornet, vice Elers, promoted. Dated 13th December, 1869.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.

6th Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteer Corps.

James Stratton Thompson to be Lieutenant. Dated 8th December, 1869.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 8th December, 1863.]

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent, and of the City and County of the City of Canterbury.

26th Kent Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Robert Pollock, Gent., to be Ensign, vice May, promoted. Dated 2nd December, 1863.

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 the United States of America, for the purpose of regulating the communications by post between the two countries, 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 half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the United States of America, or posted in the United States of America addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the said United States by packet boat or private ship direct, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage of three pence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Hong Kong or any place in China or Japan, or posted in Hong Kong or any place in China or Japan, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Hong Kong, or any place in China or Japan, via the United States of America (the sea conveyance being by British or United States packet boat, or partly by British and partly by United States packet boats), there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of one shilling.

3. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any foreign country, except China and Japan, or posted in any foreign country, except China and Japan, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any such foreign country, through the United States of America, the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and the said United States, by packet boat or private ship direct, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, in the case of such letters as are posted in the United Kingdom, an uniform rate of British postage of two pence, and in the case of such letters as are posted in such foreign country, an uniform rate of British postage of one penny.

4. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, or in any foreign country, addressed to the United States of America, or to any foreign country beyond the said United States, and transmitted by the post from any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country to the said United States, or to any foreign country beyond the said United States, through the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed from the United Kingdom to the said United States by packet boat or private ship direct, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for such transmission thereof respectively from the United Kingdom to

the said United States, an uniform rate of postage of one penny.

5. On every such letter so transmitted as hereinbefore in this Warrant mentioned, 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 exceeding one half of an ounce and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such letter 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 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.

6. On every letter posted in the United States of America, or forwarded otherwise than in closed mails through the United States of America, addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies or to any foreign country, and transmitted by the post from the said United States to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed from the said United States to the United Kingdom by packet boat or private ship direct, there shall be charged, taken, and paid the rate or rates of British postage which from time to time shall be chargeable and payable for British postage on letters posted at the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or private ship conveying the same from the United States to the United Kingdom, and transmitted to such colony or foreign country to which such letters shall be addressed.

7. On every letter posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, or in any foreign country, addressed to the United States of America or to any foreign country beyond the United States of America, and transmitted by the post from any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country to the said United States or to any foreign country beyond the said United States, through the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed from the United Kingdom to the said United States by packet boat or private ship direct, there shall be charged, taken, and paid over and above the uniform rates of postage payable thereupon respectively under the provisions of this Warrant hereinbefore contained, for the transmission thereof from the United Kingdom to the said United States such further or additional rates of postage 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 departure of the packet boat or private ship conveying the same from the United Kingdom to the said United States, as shall from time to time be charged and

payable for British postage on letters posted in such colony or foreign country, and transmitted to such port of departure in the United Kingdom.

8. The postage of every letter posted in the United States of America, addressed to the United Kingdom, shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, but if any such letter shall be posted for transmission by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, without any postage having been paid thereon, or with a postage paid thereon less in amount than the rate or rates of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such letter shall be charged with the deficient postage together with a further and additional rate of postage of three pence.

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 or under the said hereinbefore recited Acts, or either of them, or by or under any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post Office, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges to which seamen, soldiers, and others employed in Her Majesty's service, are by law entitled of sending and receiving letters by the post, 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 the United States of America, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any part of the said United States, by packet boat or private ship direct, there shall be charged, taken, and paid a uniform rate of postage of one penny, and in respect of every additional four ounces or fraction of four ounces of any such packet above the weight of four ounces there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an additional rate of postage of one penny; 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. All packets consisting of printed papers other than British newspapers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize not exceeding one ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the United States of America, may be transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any part of the said United States, by packet boat or private ship direct, 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 of one penny.

13. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the twelfth clause of this Warrant, hereinbefore contained, shall if exceeding the weight of one ounce respectively be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):

On every such packet exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there

shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

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

And on every such packet exceeding four ounces and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, six rates of postage;

And on every such packet exceeding eight ounces and not exceeding twelve ounces in weight, nine rates of postage;

And for every additional four ounces in weight of any such packet above the weight of twelve ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid three additional rates of postage, and in charging any additional rates of postage, under this clause, every fractional part of every 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 one ounce in weight.

14. All packets consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize not exceeding four ounces in weight posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Hong Kong, or any place in China or Japan, or posted in Hong Kong or any place in China or Japan addressed to the United Kingdom may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and Hong Kong or any place in China or Japan via the United States of America (the sea conveyance being by British or United States packet boat, or partly by British and partly by United States packet boats), 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 four pence.

15. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the 14th clause of this Warrant hereinbefore 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 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, exceeding eight ounces and not exceeding twelve ounces in weight, three rates of postage;

And on every such packet exceeding twelve ounces and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, 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 under this clause, every fractional part of every 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.

16. The postage of all packets posted in the United Kingdom, under the authority of the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th clauses of this Warrant shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, 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 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) :—

17. For the purposes of this Warrant, every printed British newspaper transmitted by the post under the provisions 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.

18. Every packet consisting of a printed British newspaper, 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-one 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 envelope, 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 enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure 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 or the cover thereof not authorised 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 person 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.

19. 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 :

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;

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, nevertheless, any packet containing any razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, keys, watch machinery, metal, metal-tubing or ore, or such like, shall and may (notwithstanding anything in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 28th day of November, 1844, contained to the contrary) be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions herein mentioned and contained relating thereto, provided that every such article or instrument so contained in any such packet, shall be securely packed and guarded, and every such packet shall not only conform in every respect to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions herein contained, but the same shall also furnish sufficient protection against injury to the officers of the Post Office and to the contents of the mail bags, while, at the same time, the patterns or samples may be easily examined: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize the transmission by the post of any packet containing any explosive or other dangerous material or substance.

20. No packet exceeding in length two feet, or in breadth or depth one foot, shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, unless under the special authority of the Postmaster General.

21. 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.

22. If any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be otherwise than in conformity with the provisions and regulations applicable thereto, established by or under the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st 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 returned or given up to the sender thereof.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. The term "printed papers" when used in this Warrant shall mean, comprise, and include periodical works other than newspapers, books (stitched or bound), prices current, sheets of music, maps, plans, catalogues, prospectuses, announcements, and any other kind of printed papers, as also prints, engravings, drawings, lithographs, and photographs on paper, parchment, or vellum; 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 recited Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96.

26. The rates of postage fixed by this present Warrant on the letters and packets transmitted as herein respectively mentioned shall be in lieu of those now chargeable by law thereon, and the Warrant under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the fifth day of December, 1868, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, on the coming into operation hereof.

27. 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.

28. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

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

Lansdowne.
W. H. Gladstone.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 101.)—NORTH SEA—ELBE RIVER.

Alteration in Outer Elbe Light.

THE Prussian Government has given notice, that from the 11th day of December, 1869, the following alteration will be made in the light exhibited from the outer light-vessel, River Elbe.

The present fixed white light will be superseded by a revolving white light, attaining its greatest brilliancy every twenty seconds.

JUTLAND.

Beacons on Fano Island.

The Danish Government has given notice, that in order to render the navigation of the Graa deep independent of Jerne church, which in hazy weather cannot be seen from the bar, the following arrangement of beacons has been made on Fano Island.

A new beacon 42 feet high, having on the top a red square board with cross boards above and below, has been erected on the north-western cliffs near where the Mill Beacon stood, and the Mill Beacon has been removed to the eastern cliffs on the north end of Fano.

The two beacons and (when seen), Jerne church kept in a line is the leading mark over the bar of the Graa Deep.

By command of their Lordships,

Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
13th December, 1869.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Sea, Nos. 2339 and 2248; Helgoland Bight, No. 1887; and Elbe River entrance, 1875; also North Sea Lights List, No. 138.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 102.)—ENGLAND.—WEST COAST.—CARNARVON BAY.

Light Vessel between Bardsey Island and South Stack.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 79, dated 16th October, 1869, respecting a new light-vessel to be placed between Bardsey Island and South Stack.

The Trinity House, London, has given notice, that the light-vessel has been placed in the position indicated in that notice.

The light is a revolving light with white and red flashes at intervals of twenty seconds in the order of two white and one red, elevated 38 feet above the sea, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 10 miles.

The light-vessel has the words *Carnarvon Bay*, painted on her sides, and is moored in 30 fathoms