

MEMORANDA.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Assistant-Surgeon Gilbert in the Royal South Lincoln Militia. Dated 28th February, 1870.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain H. L. Dymoke in the Royal North Lincoln Militia. Dated 28th February, 1870.

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

Royal South Lincoln Militia.

George William Shipman, Gent., to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice Gilbert, resigned. Dated 7th March, 1870.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 3rd November, 1868.]

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

1st Surrey Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Alan Maclean, Gent., to be Ensign, vice J. T. Lepard, resigned. Dated 3rd October, 1868.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 18th ultimo.]

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

8th Suffolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Thomas William Day, Gent., to be Ensign, vice A. H. M. Long, resigned. Dated 5th February, 1870.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held by Captain William Stewart Graham and Captain Edward King in the 1st Royal Tower Hamlets Militia. Dated 10th March, 1870.

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 or in respect of letters, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers, transmitted and forwarded by the post and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post, and by the same Act powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from time to time, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of postage therein mentioned.

And whereas further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 85, for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post Office.

And whereas certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by

another Act of Parliament, 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 by the laws now in force British newspapers, and packets consisting of British newspapers, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to various British colonies and foreign countries, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to such colonies and foreign countries, subject to the payment of a certain rate of postage for each such newspaper, and for every such packet according to the weight thereof respectively, and it is expedient to fix an uniform scale of weight by which every such newspaper so transmitted may be charged with a separate and distinct rate of postage according to the weight thereof respectively, and it is also expedient to limit the weight of packets of British newspapers and certain other packets transmissible by the post, in the manner and to the extent hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, and each 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. On every packet, consisting of a printed British newspaper, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any British colony or foreign country, and transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to any such British colony or foreign country, there shall be charged, taken, and paid the rate of postage now chargeable and payable for every such newspaper, or packet consisting of such newspapers, so posted or transmitted by the post, and for every additional four ounces in weight of any such packet, consisting of a printed British newspaper, above the weight of four 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 additional rate of postage 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. For the purposes of this Warrant every printed British newspaper so posted and transmitted by the post as hereinbefore mentioned, shall be deemed and considered a packet, and shall be charged and chargeable with a separate and distinct single rate, or separate and distinct additional rates of postage, according to the weight thereof as hereinbefore mentioned, notwithstanding two or more newspapers shall be enclosed and transmitted in one and the same cover, wrapper, envelope, 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.

3. And we do further order, direct, and declare, that no packet of printed British newspapers, or of books, publications, or works of literature or art, or of printed papers (other than newspapers),

or of patterns or samples of merchandize, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any British colony or foreign country, shall, if exceeding five pounds in weight, be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to any such British colony or foreign country; and if any such packet be posted or be tendered or delivered in order to be so sent by the post, it shall and may be detained and opened, and be either returned or given up to the sender thereof: but this clause shall not extend to or affect any packet of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament.

4. All such packets as are mentioned in this Warrant shall remain subject in every respect (save as is in this Warrant mentioned) to the several orders, regulations, conditions and restrictions now in force and applicable thereto.

5. The term "printed British newspaper," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to mean a newspaper printed in the United Kingdom, whether it bear a newspaper stamp or not; 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 firstly hereinbefore recited Act.

6. 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 the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other regulations in lieu thereof.

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the tenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Lansdowne.
W. H. Gladstone.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 27.)—ENGLAND—EAST COAST.

Entrance of Lowestoft Harbour.

THE Trinity House, London, has given notice, that in consequence of a shoal having recently formed north of the entrance of Lowestoft Harbour, a red buoy has been placed to indicate its position.

The buoy is moored in 12 feet at low water springs, and lies E. by N. one and a half cables from the North pier head.

Vessels entering the harbour from the north are warned to keep outside the buoy.

Also, that in consequence of the variable depth of water at the entrance of the harbour, the following signals will be displayed from the look-out at the Old Fish Market, viz. :—

A red flag by day and a green light by night, when the depth of water is 10 feet and over.

A black ball by day and a red light by night, when the depth of water is less than 10 feet.

THAMES RIVER ENTRANCE—PRINCES CHANNEL.

Temporary Buoy on the Shingles Sands.

The Trinity House has also given notice, that the Beacon on the Shingles sand has been washed away, and that a black buoy with a staff and globe will, as soon as it is possible, be placed on the south-east edge of the shoal, and be kept there until the beacon can be replaced.

From the buoy the Tongue light vessel will bear S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E., $1\frac{3}{10}$ miles, and the Shingles spit buoy W.N.W. six tenths of a mile.

And, that no further notice respecting the placing of the buoy will be given.

NORTH SEA—JUTLAND.

Alteration of Buoy at Entrance of Graa Deep.

The Danish Government has given notice, that the buoy hitherto used for making the Graa deep, and which was moored with the beacons on the North end of Fano island in one, will be replaced by a black cone buoy, marked "Graadyb," with a red staff and globe, which will remain throughout the year.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation $19\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Westerly in 1870.]

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
11th March, 1870.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Lowestoft Roads, No. 1543; North Foreland to the Nore, No. 1607; Thames entrance, No. 1610; and North Sea, Nos. 2339 and 2248.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 28.)—JAPAN—YEDO BAY.

Light Vessel in Yokohama Bay.

INFORMATION has been received that a light-vessel has been placed at the extremity of the shoal water off Mandarin Bluff, in Yokohama Bay.

The vessel exhibits a fixed red light, elevated 36 feet above the sea, which in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 10 miles: has two masts, and carries a ball at the foremast head.

From the light-vessel Treaty Point bears S.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ S.; Mandarin Bluff, S.W. by W.; and the mouth of the canal, W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation $2\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ Westerly in 1870.]

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Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
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11th March, 1870.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Nipon Island, &c., No. 2,347; and Yedo Gulf and Yokohama, No. 2657.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, S.W., March 11, 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of the tonnage bounty awarded for a slave dhow, name unknown, captured on the 7th September, 1868, by Her Majesty's ship "Spiteful," will commence on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset House."

Personal applications by persons entitled to share, and by agents and other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments, or