

17th *Lancashire*, Lieutenant Herbert Estcourt Bradley resigns his Commission. Dated 28th May, 1884.

22nd *Lancashire*, Captain Humphrey Goodwin to be Major. Dated 28th May, 1884.

Lieutenant George Henry Hollingworth to be Captain. Dated 28th May, 1884.

3rd *Middlesex*, Quartermaster Walter Jarvis resigns his Commission. Dated 28th May, 1884.

17th (North) *Middlesex*, Mortimer James Goodall, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 9th May, 1884.

1st *Midlothian*, Captain William Lowson resigns his Commission. Dated 28th May, 1884.

2nd *Oxfordshire*, George Owen Willis, Gent., to be Acting Surgeon. Dated 28th May, 1884.

2nd *Rensfrewshire*, Robert Macarthur Clark, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 28th May, 1884.

3rd *Volunteer Battalion, the Prince Albert's (Somersetshire Light Infantry)*, Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel Henry A. F. Luttrell resigns his Commission; also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Battalion on his retirement. Dated 28th May, 1884.

2nd *Volunteer Battalion, the South Staffordshire Regiment*, Lieutenant William Hampson resigns his Commission. Dated 28th May, 1884.

Acting Chaplain the Reverend William Allen, M.A., resigns his appointment. Dated 28th May, 1884.

6th (West) *Suffolk*, Honorary Major and Adjutant Nathaniel Barnardiston resigns his Commission, and is placed on a retired allowance; also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Corps on his retirement. Dated 4th June, 1884.

5th *Surrey*, Lieutenant James Leslie Grove Powell to be Captain. Dated 28th May, 1884. Lieutenant Arthur Edward Patrick Voules, M.A., resigns his Commission. Dated 28th May, 1884.

1st *Volunteer Battalion, the Worcestershire Regiment*, Andrew Cunningham, Gent., to be Acting Surgeon. Dated 28th May, 1884.

1st *Volunteer Battalion, the Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment)*, James Whaley Fryer, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 28th May, 1884.

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office at the Bank of England, on Wednesday, the 4th proximo, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Act 40 Vic., cap. 2, to the amount of £1,300,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1,000, £5,000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 7th day of June, 1884, and will be payable at three or six months after date (at the option of the persons tendering), viz.:—on the 7th September or 7th December next, respectively.

3. The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent, which will be given for the amounts applied for; and the tenders of private individuals must be made through a London Banker.

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Thursday, the

5th proximo, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock, on Saturday, the 7th proximo.

6. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, May 22, 1884.

EXCHEQUER BILLS.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice to the holders of Exchequer Bills issued under the authority of the Act 29 Vic., c. 25, and dated the 11th June, 1881, that the Interest thereon for the half-year ending on the 11th June, 1884, will be payable at the Bank of England, on and after the 11th June next; and that the Interest of such Exchequer Bills for the following half-year, to 11th December, 1884, will be at the rate of two per centum per annum.

All holders of Exchequer Bills dated the 11th June, 1881, who intend to demand payment of the principal sums therein contained at the expiration of the third year of their currency, must leave the said Bills at the Bank of England for examination not later than the 8th June next, between the hours of ten and two; and payment of the said principal sums will be made at the Bank on and after the 11th day of June next.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall,
May 26, 1884.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by his signing the same), and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct, and declare as follows:—

1. All Treasury Warrants at any time heretofore made relating to the conveyance by post of postal packets (which term in this Warrant means and includes all letters, post cards, newspapers, packets of commercial papers, packets of printed papers, and pattern or sample packets) between the United Kingdom and Tamatave, in the Island of Madagascar, and also between any British Colony or Foreign Country and Tamatave aforesaid, are hereby annulled to the extent to which such Warrants respectively relate to the several matters comprised in this Warrant as aforesaid.

2. The rates of postage and additional sum for registration now chargeable and payable by the authority of the Treasury Warrant of the 29th day of May, 1879, or the schedules thereunder written, on postal packets conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post from or to St. Mary, in the Island of Madagascar, to or from any other country or place affected by the provisions of such last-mentioned Warrant of the 29th day of May, 1879, and all regulations and conditions as to the posting, forwarding, conveyance, and delivery of postal packets conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post, now in force and applicable thereto, shall extend and apply to all postal packets conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post from or to Tamatave aforesaid to or from any other country or place affected by the provisions of such last-mentioned Warrant of the 29th day of May, 1879, in the same way as if Tamatave aforesaid had been named in such last-mentioned Warrant of the 29th day of May, 1879, or the schedules thereunder written.

3. This Warrant shall come into operation on the second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Dated this twenty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Charles C. Cotes,
R. W. Duff,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Henry Fawcett,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK ANNUITIES AND INSURANCES.

WHEREAS by the Government Annuities Act, 1864, the Postmaster-General is empowered, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to make Regulations for carrying out the provisions of that Act, in so far as his Department is concerned :

And whereas by the Government Annuities Act, 1882, it is enacted that such regulations shall provide as in the last-mentioned Act stated :

Now I, Henry Fawcett, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, under and by virtue of all powers and authorities vested in me in that behalf, do, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, make the following Regulations, that is to say :—

I.—PRELIMINARY.

Interpretation.

1. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires :—

The expression "Postmaster-General" means the Postmaster-General for the time being.

The expression "National Debt Commissioners" means the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt.

The expressions "Savings Banks Annuity" and "Savings Bank Insurance," mean respectively an Annuity and an Insurance granted under the Government Annuities Acts, 1853 and 1864, as amended by the Government Annuities Act, 1882.

The expression "Savings Bank Office" means a Post Office at which Post Office Savings Bank Business is transacted.

The expression "Savings Bank Year" means the twelve months ending on the 31st day of December in any year.

The expression "Purchaser" means and includes any person liable to pay, or entitled to receive, any money payable to or by the Postmaster-General, under a Contract in relation to a Savings Bank Annuity or a Savings Bank Insurance, and also includes any person proposing to become a purchaser.

The expression "Quarter Day" means any one of the days on which Annuities are payable under the Government Annuities Act, 1853, that is to say, the 5th day of January, the 5th day of July, the 5th day of April, and the 10th day of October.

The expression "Month" means a calendar, and not a lunar month.

The masculine includes the feminine, and the plural includes the singular, and the singular includes the plural.

Operation of Regulations.

2. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 3rd day of June, 1884, on and from which date the Regulations dated respectively the 22nd day of February, 1865, and the 3rd day of August, 1871, and made in relation to Savings Bank An-

nuities, and Savings Bank Insurances are hereby repealed, without prejudice nevertheless to anything already done in pursuance thereof.

Transaction of Annuity and Insurance business.

3. (1) Proposals for the purchase of Savings Bank Annuities and Savings Bank Insurances shall be received at any Savings Bank Office, unless with reference to such office the Postmaster-General shall have otherwise directed.

(2.) Such proposals may also be received by such Officers of the Post Office as may from time to time be authorised in that behalf.

(3.) Every Savings Bank Office at which any business connected with Savings Bank Annuities and Insurances is transacted shall be open for the transaction of such business during the hours appointed for the transaction of Savings Bank business at such Office, unless the Postmaster-General shall, with reference to such office, otherwise direct.

II.—ANNUITIES.

Description of Annuities.

4. (1.) A proposal for the purchase of a Savings Bank Annuity may relate to—

(A.) The purchase by a single payment of an immediate Life Annuity of not less than £1, and not more than £100 (which Annuity is hereinafter referred to as an Immediate Annuity).

(B.) The purchase by a single payment, or by an annual payment, during a term of years of an Annuity of not less than £1, and not more than £100, payable on the expiration of a term of years, the condition of such purchase being that no part of the purchase-money shall in any event be returnable (which Annuity is hereinafter referred to as an absolute Deferred Annuity).

(C.) The purchase by a single payment, or by an annual payment during a term of years, of an Annuity of not less than £1, and not more than £100, payable on the expiration of such term of years, the conditions of such purchase being, that if the person on whose life the Annuity depends shall die before the Annuity becomes payable, the purchase-money (without any interest thereon) shall be returnable to the purchaser, and that if the purchaser shall during the life on which the Annuity depends, and before the Annuity becomes payable, desire the purchase-money (without any interest thereon) to be returned to him, the said purchase-money shall be so returned (which Annuity is hereinafter referred to as a Conditional Deferred Annuity).

Persons to whom Annuities may be granted.

(2.) No proposal for the purchase of a Savings Bank Annuity shall be received from, or on behalf of, or respecting the life of a person under the age of five years.

5. A Savings Bank Annuity may be granted in any of the following ways, that is to say :

(1.) It may be granted to and for the benefit of the person during whose life the annuity is made payable.

(2.) It may be granted to the person during whose life it is payable jointly with any other person or persons, all such persons being entitled as joint tenants.

(3.) It may be granted to any person or persons other than the person during whose life it is payable, provided that the Postmaster-General is satisfied that it is for the benefit of the person during whose life the Annuity is payable, that the annuity should be so granted.