

General Sir Edmund Augustus Whitmore, K.C.B., retires on retired pay. Dated 7th April, 1886.

Lieutenant-General John Turner, C.B., Colonel Commandant Royal Artillery, has been placed upon the Retired List. Dated 1st April, 1886.

Lieutenant-General Philip Gosset Pipon, C.B., Royal Artillery, has retired upon retired pay, with the honorary rank of General. Dated 1st April, 1886.

The undermentioned Lieutenant-Colonels, Royal Artillery, to be Colonels:—
William Henry Graham. Dated 16th March, 1886.

George Frederick Stanley Chambers. Dated 1st April, 1886.

William Southwell Curzon. Dated 1st April, 1886.

Major Patrick William O'Connor, retired, Royal Marine Artillery, has been granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 23rd March, 1886.

The following steps of local rank in New South Wales have been conferred upon the undermentioned Officers whilst employed with the local forces in that Colony. Dated 8th September, 1885:—

Major E. G. H. Bingham, Royal Artillery, to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Lieutenant W. St. P. Bunbury, Royal Artillery, to be Captain.

Lieutenant C. H. Milward, Royal Artillery, to be Captain.

The grant of the local rank of Major in New South Wales to Captain C. Penrose, Royal Engineers, to bear date 8th September, 1885, and not 7th September, as stated in the Gazette of 27th November, 1885.

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

James George Frederick Hughes Bonsall, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 3rd April, 1886.

John Charles Harford, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 3rd April, 1886.

Thomas Hugh Rice Hughes, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 3rd April, 1886.

George Paddock, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 3rd April, 1886.

William Beauclerc Powell, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 3rd April, 1886.

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

Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Bootle Wilbraham to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 29th March, 1886.

James Joicey, Esq., M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 29th March, 1886.

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

The Honourable George Higginson Allsopp, M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 30th March, 1886.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Acts relating to Her Majesty's Post Office, and 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

No. 25575.

signing the same), and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct, and declare as follows:—

Interpretation Clause.

1. (1.) The expression "Lord Lieutenant" means the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, or other Chief Governor, or Governors, of Ireland for the time being.

(2.) The expression "arms" includes any cannon, gun, revolver, pistol, and any description of firearms, also any sword, cutlass, pike, and bayonet, also any part of any arms as so defined.

(3.) The expression "ammunition" includes bullets, gunpowder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, gun-cotton, and every other explosive substance, whether fitted for use with any arms, or otherwise.

(4.) The expression "prohibited district in Ireland" means any place in Ireland in respect of which the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, by and with the advice of the Privy Council in Ireland, may have made, or may make, orders for prohibiting or regulating therein the sale or importation of arms and ammunition.

Prohibitions.

2. There shall not be conveyed, or tendered or delivered for conveyance, by post under any Treasury Warrant, in or to any prohibited district in Ireland, any parcel, as defined in such Warrant, containing arms or ammunition, and any such parcel, if posted, or tendered or delivered, for conveyance by post as aforesaid, may be detained and opened, and returned to the sender thereof, or otherwise dealt with according to law.

Operation of Warrant.

3. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

Dated this first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

Cyril Flower,

G. Leveson-Gower,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Wolverton,

Her Majesty's Postmaster-General

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WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by the Post Office Acts, or any of them, and of all other 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:—

PRELIMINARY.

Repeal.

1. The Warrants and Regulations made respectively by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury and by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, and mentioned in the first Schedule to this Warrant, shall to the extent in the third column of the said Schedule mentioned be repealed, revoked, and annulled on and as from the day upon which this Warrant comes into operation, Provided that—

(1.) Where any provision of any Warrant or Regulations not comprised in the said Schedule

has been repealed by any Warrant or Regulations hereby repealed, such repeal shall not be affected by the repeal effected by this Warrant.

(2.) The repeal by this Warrant of any Warrant or Regulations shall not affect—

- (a.) Anything done or suffered before this Warrant comes into operation; or
- (b.) Any legal proceeding commenced before this Warrant comes into operation in pursuance of any Warrant or Regulations hereby repealed, and any such legal proceeding may be carried on and completed as if this Warrant had not been made.

Schedules to be deemed part of Warrant.

2. The Schedules to this Warrant shall be deemed part of this Warrant.

Definitions.

3. In this Warrant,

Letter.

(1.) The expression "Letter" means any Postal Packet which is not a Post-card, Reply Post-card, Book Packet, Newspaper, or Parcel, and includes any communication in the nature of a Letter.

Post-card.

(2.) The expression "Post-card" means a card bearing an impressed stamp denoting a rate or duty of postage of one half-penny.

Reply Post-card.

(3.) The expression "Reply Post-card" means a Reply Post-card as defined by the "Post Office (Reply Post-cards) Act, 1882."

Book Packet.

(4.) The expression "Book Packet" means and includes:

- (a.) Books and other publications or works of a literary character,
- (b.) Paper or any other substance ordinarily used for receiving written, printed, lithographed, or engraved impressions, whether such paper or other substance be plain or bear anything (not being a Letter) written, printed, or otherwise impressed thereon, and whether the same be in the form of a book or in any other form,
- (c.) Circular Letters, that is Letters which from internal evidence appear to be intended for transmission in identical terms to several persons, and the whole or the greater part of which is produced by means of ordinary type, engraving, lithography, or any other mechanical process,
- (d.) Drawings on paper,
- (e.) Photographs and other things of a like kind, when not on glass or any brittle substance of a like kind, or in frames containing glass or any such brittle substance,
- (f.) Anything ordinarily used in the way of binding or mounting (not consisting of glass or any brittle substance), when transmitted in the same packet with the article in respect of which it is so used,
- (g.) Anything necessary or convenient for the safe transmission of any of the before mentioned articles by Post, when transmitted in the same packet with the article in respect of which it is so used,
- (h.) Such other articles as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time decide to be capable of transmission by Post as Book Packets without detriment or inconvenience to the public service.

Newspaper.

(5.) The expression "Newspaper" means and includes—

- (a.) A Newspaper and any Supplement thereto as respectively defined by the "Post Office Act, 1870," as amended by an Act passed in the 44th and 45th years of the reign of Her present Majesty (c. 19), entitled "An Act for further regulating the transmission of Newspapers."
- (b.) A publication which is within the definition aforesaid in all respects, save as regards the proportion of advertisements to other matter, and which was stamped as a Newspaper before the 15th day of June, 1855.

Parcel.

(6.) The expression "Parcel" means a Postal Packet which is posted as a parcel in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant or any Warrant amending the same.

Postal Packet.

(7.) The expression "Postal Packet" means and includes any Letter, Post-card, Reply Post-card, Book-packet, Newspaper, and Parcel.

Inland.

(8.) The expression "Inland" when used in relation to any Postal Packet or any description thereof means posted within the United Kingdom and addressed to some place in the United Kingdom.

United Kingdom.

(9.) The expression "United Kingdom" includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Warrant to apply to Inland Postal Packets only.

4. The provisions of this Warrant shall be deemed to apply exclusively to Inland postal packets except where it is in this Warrant otherwise expressly provided.

LETTERS.

Rates of Postage.

5. On all letters there shall be charged and paid the following rates of postage (that is to say):—

- On every letter not exceeding one ounce in weight, one penny;
- On every letter exceeding one ounce, but not exceeding two ounces in weight, three half-pence;
- On every letter exceeding two ounces in weight, for the first two ounces three-halfpence; and for every two ounces or fractional part of two ounces above the first two ounces, one halfpenny.

Maximum Dimensions.

6. Except by the special permission of the Postmaster-General no letter the dimensions of which exceed eighteen inches in length, nine inches in width, or six inches in depth shall be forwarded, conveyed, or delivered by post.

POST-CARDS.

Rate of Postage.

7. On all Post-cards there shall be charged and paid the rate of postage of one halfpenny.

Address only to be Written on Stamped side of Card.

8. The address and nothing else shall be written, printed, or otherwise impressed on the side of the Post-card which bears the impressed

stamp, and no part of the address shall be written, printed, or otherwise impressed across such stamp.

Letter may be Written, Printed, &c., on Unstamped side of Card.

9. Anything (including a letter) may be written, printed, or otherwise impressed on the side of the Post-card which does not bear the impressed stamp.

Nothing to be attached to Card.

10. Nothing whatever shall be in any manner attached to a Post-card, nor shall a Post-card be cut or folded or otherwise altered.

Disposal of Cards not in conformity with Warrant.

11. If any Post-card is sent by post otherwise than in conformity with this Warrant, it shall be forwarded to its destination charged on delivery with postage as an insufficiently paid letter of the same weight.

REPLY POST-CARDS.

Rate of Postage.

12. On all Reply Post-cards there shall be charged and paid the rate of postage of one penny.

Address only to be Written on Stamped side of Card.

13. The address and nothing else shall be written, printed, or otherwise impressed on that side of either half of a Reply Post-card which bears the impressed stamp, and no part of the address shall be written, printed, or otherwise impressed across such stamp.

Letter may be Written, Printed, &c., on Unstamped Card.

14. Anything (including a letter) may be written, printed, or otherwise impressed on that side of each half of a Reply Post-card which does not bear the impressed stamp.

Nothing to be attached to Card.

15. Nothing whatever shall be in any manner attached to a Reply Post-card, nor shall a Reply Post-card after the issue thereof be cut or folded or otherwise altered, except that that half of a Reply Post-card which is intended to be used for the purpose of a reply (in these Regulations referred to as "the return half") may be severed from the other half thereof.

Disposal of Reply Cards not in conformity with Warrant.

16. If any Reply Post-card, or the return half thereof, is sent by Post otherwise than in conformity with these Regulations it shall be forwarded to its destination charged on delivery with postage as an insufficiently paid letter of the same weight.

BOOK PACKETS.

Rates of Postage.

17. On all Book Packets there shall be charged and paid the following rates of postage, that is to say:—

On every Book Packet not exceeding two ounces in weight one halfpenny.

On every Book Packet exceeding two ounces in weight for every two ounces or fractional part of two ounces one halfpenny.

Maximum Weight and Dimensions.

18. Except by the special permission of the Postmaster-General there shall not be forwarded, conveyed, or delivered by post any Book Packet which exceeds—

(1.) Five pounds in weight.

(2.) Eighteen inches in length or nine inches in width or six inches in depth.

Mode of Posting.

19. Every Book Packet shall be posted either without a cover or in a cover open at both ends, and so that the same can easily be removed for the purpose of examination.

Prohibition of Sealed Enclosures and Letters.

20. No Book Packet shall be posted which shall contain anything closed against inspection or which shall bear any letter written on any part of the packet or the cover thereof (although the same may be open to inspection) or which shall contain any separate letter not being a circular within the meaning of this Warrant.

NEWSPAPERS.

Registration.

21. The proprietor of any Newspaper may register it at the General Post Office for transmission by post on payment to the Postmaster-General of a fee of five shillings.

Renewal of Registration.

22. The registration of a Newspaper may be renewed from year to year on payment to the Postmaster-General of a fee of five shillings.

Warrant applicable to Registered Newspapers only.

23. (1.) The provisions of this Warrant relating to the transmission of Newspapers by post apply exclusively to Newspapers registered in the manner provided by this Warrant.

(2.) Any Newspaper not registered as aforesaid will, if posted or tendered for transmission by post, be charged with postage as a Book Packet.

Rate of Postage.

24. On every Newspaper with or without a supplement or supplements, and whether posted singly or in a packet of two or more, there shall be charged and paid a rate of postage of one halfpenny.

Provided that the postage on a packet of Newspapers, with or without a supplement or supplements, shall not exceed the postage for a Book Packet of the same weight.

Maximum Weight and Dimensions.

25. No packet of Newspapers shall be forwarded by post the weight of which shall exceed fourteen pounds, or the dimensions of which shall exceed two feet in length or one foot in width or depth.

Mode of Posting.

26. Every Newspaper or packet of Newspapers shall be posted either without a cover or in a cover open at both ends and so that the same can be easily removed for the purpose of examination.

Title of Newspaper to be Exposed.

27. Every newspaper when posted shall be so folded and covered (if posted in a cover) as to permit the title to be readily inspected.

Newspapers not to contain Enclosures.

28. No article not part of the Newspaper shall be posted in or in the same cover with the Newspaper, nor shall the cover bear anything beyond the names and addresses of the sender and the addressee, and the title of the Newspaper.

Newspapers not to contain Letters.

29. No Newspaper shall be posted containing a letter, or bearing on any part thereof or on the cover thereof any words in the nature of a letter.

Impressing and Cancelling of Stamps at Publishing Offices.

30. The Postmaster-General may if he thinks fit, in the case of copies of a newspaper addressed

for transmission by post at the publishing office of such Newspaper, permit the work of impressing and cancelling a stamp denoting the postage to be performed at such publishing office, under such regulations and restrictions as to the payment of the postage and otherwise as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct; but all such newspapers shall be forwarded from the publishing office to the Post Office in sealed bags and any such newspaper forwarded to the Post Office otherwise than in a sealed bag shall notwithstanding the impressment and cancellation of such stamp be charged as a Newspaper posted unpaid.

Impressing of Stamp at Inland Revenue.

31. The Postmaster-General may, in the case of any Newspaper, permit the work of impressing a stamp denoting the postage, to be done at the office of Inland Revenue under such regulations as to the payment of the postage and otherwise as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct.

Newspapers not to be sent second time for Original Postage.

32. No Newspaper shall be sent by the post a second time for the original postage and (except in the case of redirection) a Newspaper which has already been sent by post shall for all postal purposes be treated as if it had never been so sent.

LETTERS, BOOK PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS.

Prepayment.

Postage to be Prepaid.

33. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant the postage payable on every Letter, Book Packet (except a Packet consisting wholly of printed votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament), and Newspaper, must be prepaid.

Manner of Prepaying Postage.

34. The postage payable on any Letter or Book Packet and on each transmission of a Newspaper or packet of Newspapers may be prepaid either by adhesive postage stamps or by the use of a stamped envelope or cover, or, in the case of Letters and Book Packets, at such Post Offices within such hours and under and subject to such regulations, conditions, and restrictions as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time prescribe, in money.

Letters and Book Packets posted Wholly Unpaid.

35. If any Letter or Book Packet (except as aforesaid) is posted and no part of the postage thereon is prepaid, such Letter or Book Packet shall be forwarded to the place to which it is addressed charged with double the amount of postage to which the same would have been liable under this Warrant if the postage had been prepaid.

Letters and Book Packets Insufficiently Prepaid.

36. If any Letter or Book Packet (except as aforesaid) is posted and part only of the postage payable thereon is prepaid, such Letter or Book Packet shall be forwarded to the place to which it is addressed charged with an additional postage of double the amount of the difference between the postage actually prepaid and the postage to which the Letter or Book Packet would have been liable under this Warrant if the postage had been prepaid.

Newspapers not Prepaid.

37. If any Newspaper or Packet of Newspapers, with or without supplements, is not prepaid in conformity with this Warrant, such Newspaper or

Packet shall be forwarded to its destination charged on delivery with postage as an unpaid or (as the case may be) an insufficiently paid Book Packet of the same weight.

IRREGULAR POSTING.

Letters over size.

38. If any Letter exceeding the dimensions prescribed by this Warrant is found in the Post, the following rules shall apply:—

- (a.) If the Letter, having regard to its weight and dimensions, may be sent by Parcel Post, it shall be forwarded as a Parcel, charged with postage as a Parcel, and with an additional fee or charge of one penny.
- (b.) If the Letter may not be sent by Parcel Post it shall be returned to the sender, or otherwise disposed of as the Postmaster-General may think fit.

Provided that the postage prepaid upon any Letter shall be allowed in part payment of any postage or other sum charged under this clause.

Book Packets and Newspapers transgressing Rules.

39. If there shall be found in the Post—

- (I.) Any Book Packet, or Newspaper, or Packet of Newspapers which—
 - (a.) Exceeds the prescribed weight or dimensions,
 - (b.) Is enclosed in a cover not open at both ends, and not easily removable for purposes of inspection,
 - (c.) Contains anything closed against inspection, or
 - (d.) Contains a Letter, or bears on any part thereof, or on the cover thereof, any words in the nature of a Letter (not being in the case of a Book Packet a circular within the meaning of this Warrant); or

(II.) Any Newspaper or Packet of Newspapers which contains any article not part of such Newspaper, or bears on the cover thereof anything beyond the names and addresses of the sender and addressee and the title of the Newspaper;

The following rules shall apply:—

(1.) Where the Book Packet, Newspaper, or Packet of Newspapers (hereinafter severally referred to as the Packet) may, having regard to its weight and dimensions, be sent by Letter Post, and the postage thereon as a Letter would not exceed three pence, the Packet shall be forwarded as a Letter, charged with double the postage to which it would have been liable under this Warrant if the postage thereon as a Letter had been prepaid.

(2.) Where the Packet cannot, having regard to its weight and dimensions, be sent by Letter Post, or where the postage thereon as a Letter would exceed three pence, and the Packet may, having regard as aforesaid, be sent by Parcel Post, the Packet shall be forwarded as a Parcel, charged with postage as a Parcel, and with an additional fee or charge of one penny.

(3.) If the said Packet may, having regard as aforesaid, be sent by neither Letter Post nor Parcel Post, it shall be returned to the sender or otherwise disposed of as the Postmaster-General may think fit.

Provided that—

- (A.) The postage prepaid upon any Packet shall be allowed in part payment of any postage or other sum charged under this clause.
- (B.) In any case the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, instead of forwarding the Packet, return the same to the sender, or otherwise dispose thereof as he may think fit.

PARCELS.

Rates of Postage.

40. On all Parcels transmitted by Post under this Warrant, there shall be charged and paid the following rates of postage (that is to say):—

On every Parcel not exceeding one pound in weight, three pence.

On every Parcel exceeding one pound, for the first pound three pence, and for every pound or fractional part of a pound above the first pound, three halfpence.

Maximum Dimensions and Weight.

41. Except by the special permission of the Postmaster-General, no Parcel shall be conveyed or tendered for conveyance by Post, the dimensions of which shall exceed in length three feet six inches, or in length and girth, measured together, six feet (such girth being measured round the thickest part of such Parcel), or which shall exceed in weight eleven pounds.

Prepayment.

42. The postage chargeable according to the rates hereinbefore mentioned respectively shall, in all cases (except as otherwise provided in this Warrant), be prepaid at the time of posting by means of adhesive postage-stamps, or at such Post Offices, within such hours, and under and subject to such regulations as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time prescribe, in money.

Times of Posting.

43. Parcels intended to be transmitted by Post may be posted on any day of the week except Sunday, but shall not be posted on Sundays, or in England or Ireland on Christmas Day or Good Friday, and in Scotland on either of the two Sacramental Fast Days, except in the cases next hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

Where the delivery of Parcels on Sundays or any of the other days aforesaid at certain Post Offices to addressees calling for the same may hereafter be specially authorized by the Postmaster-General, the posting of Parcels on Sundays, or such other days as aforesaid, at such offices respectively, shall also be permitted within such times and in such manner as may be directed by the Postmaster-General.

Mode of Posting.

44. All Parcels intended to be transmitted by post shall (except as otherwise provided in this Warrant) be posted by being handed in at a Post Office in the manner hereinafter provided, within the hours during which such office shall be open to the public for the posting of Parcels.

Posting at Post Offices.

45. In respect of every Parcel intended to be posted at a Post Office it shall be the duty of the person bringing the same to hand it to an officer on duty at the counter in such office. Such Parcel shall be measured and weighed by such officer, and (if such Parcel do not exceed the limits of measurement or weight hereinbefore mentioned) the postage thereof, according to the rates hereinbefore mentioned, shall be paid by means of postage stamps affixed to such Parcel, and shall be verified by such officer, and no such Parcel shall be forwarded by the post until it has been so measured and weighed, and the postage chargeable thereon shall have been properly paid; and if any such Parcel shall be left at a Post Office without being so measured and weighed, and the postage charge-

able thereon properly paid as aforesaid, such Parcel shall be detained and may be returned or given up to the sender thereof, or otherwise dealt with or disposed of in any manner authorized by this Warrant.

Collection of Parcels.

46. The Postmaster-General may, if he think fit, from time to time authorize such officers as he may direct to receive Parcels for the post under such regulations and conditions as he may from time to time prescribe.

Treatment of Parcels posted in Letter Boxes.

47. Any packet transmissible by Parcel Post which from any words or marks thereon or other external evidence appears to have been intended for transmission as a Parcel, but which has not been tendered for transmission as a Parcel, but has been posted in a Post Office Letter-box, or otherwise than according to the manner hereinbefore prescribed for the posting of Parcels, may, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, either be detained and returned or given up to the sender, or be dealt with as follows, that is to say:—

- (1.) If the said packet is fully prepaid with the Letter or Book Packet rate of postage, and otherwise conforms to the regulations as to the Letter or Book Post, the same may be forwarded as a Letter or Book Packet (as the case may be).
- (2.) If the said Packet is not fully prepaid with the Letter or Book Packet rate of postage, the same may be forwarded to its destination as a Parcel, charged with the sum of one penny in addition to all other postage payable upon such Packet as a Parcel. Provided, that the postage prepaid upon any such Packet shall be allowed in part payment of any postage or other sum charged under this clause.

Use of Postes Restantes.

48. On every Parcel addressed to a Post Office "to be called for" there shall be charged and paid by the person to whom such Parcel is addressed, the sum of one penny (which sum shall be paid in money and not in stamps) in respect of every day or part of a day during which such Parcel may remain in such Post Office after the expiration of the day next after that on which such Parcel was delivered at such Post Office.

Provided that—

- (1.) In no case shall such sum be payable in respect, in England or Ireland, of any Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or Bank Holiday, or in Scotland, of any Sunday, Bank Holiday, or Sacramental Fast Day of the Church of Scotland, or of any parts of such days respectively.
- (2.) Parcels addressed to ships or to places beyond the free delivery shall not come within the operation of this clause.

Return and Disposal of Undelivered Parcels.

49. With regard to—

- (a.) Parcels which are addressed to a Post Office to be called for, or to a place beyond the limits of the free postal delivery of any town or district, or to a ship at any port of the United Kingdom, and which are not called for or delivered within such reasonable times as the Postmaster-General may from time to time prescribe; and
- (b.) Parcels which cannot be delivered for want of a true direction, or by reason that the addressee is dead or cannot be found, or

has refused the same, or has refused to pay any charges thereon, or for any other sufficient reason ;

The following provisions shall apply, that is to say :—

(1.) The Parcel shall, as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct, be retained at, or forthwith forwarded to, such place as the Postmaster-General may from time to time appoint, and may, if necessary, be there opened and examined.

(2.) Where the name and address of the sender can be ascertained from the Parcel, notice shall be given by post to the sender that the Parcel will, in default of any claim on the part of the addressee, be given up to the sender or his agent upon personal application at such place as aforesaid, or at the request of the sender will be forwarded to a corrected address, or returned to him by post in either case upon the conditions hereinafter mentioned.

(3.) Where the name and address of the sender cannot be ascertained from the Parcel, notice shall be publicly given (by affixing the same at such place or places or in such other manner as the Postmaster-General may direct) that the Parcel will, in default of any claim on the part of the addressee, and upon payment of such charges as are hereinafter mentioned, be given up upon the personal application of the sender or his agent.

(4.) In any case the notice shall state that in default of the receipt by the Postmaster-General of an application for the Parcel during a period to be specified in such notice from some person, who in the Postmaster-General's judgment, is entitled to receive the Parcel, it will be disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may direct.

(5.) The Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, specify in any such notice, or otherwise, the periods during which Parcels may be returned to the senders thereof, and in so doing may have regard to the nature and contents of Parcels.

(6.) Where in the case of a Parcel which cannot be delivered for want of a true direction, the sender corrects the address of the Parcel, the Parcel shall be forwarded to the corrected address, subject to the following conditions :—

(a.) Where the sender's name and address appear outside the Parcel, and the corrected address of the Parcel is within the same free delivery as the original address, and the Parcel is not at the time of such correction lying at a Returned Letter Office, no new charge shall be made with respect to the delivery of the Parcel.

(b.) Where the sender's name and address do not appear outside the Parcel, or where such name and address do appear, but the corrected address of the Parcel is not within the same free delivery as the original address, or the Parcel at the time of such correction is lying at a Returned Letter Office, the sender shall pay a new and distinct rate of postage, equal in amount to the rate of postage which shall have been originally chargeable on such Parcel.

(7.) A Parcel shall not be given up or returned by post to the sender, except upon payment by him of any charge for re-direction or other charge to which the Parcel has become liable, under the provisions of this Warrant, or of any such Regulations as are referred to in section 15 of the "Post Office (Parcels) Act, 1882."

(8.) Where the sender requests a Parcel to be returned to him by post, such Parcel shall not be

returned to the sender except upon payment by him of a new and distinct rate of postage, according to the rates fixed by this Warrant, and in such case the said rate of postage and all other charges to which the Parcel has become liable shall be prepaid by the sender, in stamps, before the return of the Parcel to him.

(9.) The Postmaster-General may require proof to his satisfaction that an applicant for a Parcel is entitled to receive the same.

(10.) Where no application is made for a Parcel within the period specified in any such notice as aforesaid, or an applicant fails to prove to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General that he is entitled to receive the Parcel, or refuses or fails to pay the charges to which the Parcel has become liable under this Warrant, the Parcel may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may in his discretion direct or authorize.

(11.) If at any time while a Parcel remains in the possession of the Postmaster-General it becomes offensive or injurious to any officer of the Post Office or other person or to other Parcels, it may forthwith be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, direct or authorize, notwithstanding that the provisions of this Warrant as to the return of such Parcel have not been or have only partially been complied with.

Non-compliance with Regulations.

50. In any case not in this Warrant expressly provided for, where any Parcel shall be posted or tendered for conveyance by post which in any respect infringes or fails to comply with the regulations in this Warrant contained, or any of them, such Parcel may, at the option of the Postmaster-General, either be dealt with as in this Warrant provided with reference to Parcels which cannot be delivered or be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, direct or authorize.

Provision for Safety of Parcels.

51. In any case where any officer of the Post Office may find it necessary or expedient for the safety or protection of Parcels that any Parcel should be forwarded or delivered by some later despatch or delivery than that for which the same was posted or despatched, or intended to be posted or despatched, he may delay the despatch or delivery of such Parcel, or make such other and special arrangements as to the despatch or delivery thereof, not, however, involving a greater delay than 24 hours in the whole, as may be deemed by such officer necessary or expedient in the circumstances of the case.

Compensation for Loss or Damage.

52. If any article of pecuniary value enclosed in or forming part of a Parcel be lost or damaged whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, the Postmaster-General may pay to any person or persons who may, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances) such sum in respect of such Parcel as he may think just. Provided that—

(a.) If only the postage payable in respect of such Parcel has been paid by the sender the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of one pound.

(b.) If in addition to the postage as aforesaid the sum of one penny has been paid by the sender in respect of such Parcel the sum paid

by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of five pounds.

- (c.) If in addition to the postage as aforesaid the sum of two pence has been paid by the sender in respect of such Parcel the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of ten pounds.

Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

53. Parcels intended to be transmitted by post between the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and other parts of the United Kingdom, shall not be posted, forwarded, conveyed, or delivered, except subject to such regulations as are referred to in section 15 of the "Post Office (Parcels) Act, 1882."

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Prohibitions.

54. There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any Postal Packet—

(1.) Consisting of or containing any indecent or obscene print, painting, photograph, lithograph, engraving, book, or card, or any indecent or obscene article, whether similar to the above or not, or

(2.) Having thereon or on the cover thereof any words, marks, or designs of an indecent, obscene, or grossly offensive character,

(3.) Consisting of or containing—

- (a.) Any explosive substance,
- (b.) Any dangerous substance,
- (c.) Any filth,
- (d.) Any noxious or deleterious substance,
- (e.) Any sharp instrument not properly protected,
- (f.) Except with the special permission of the of the Postmaster-General, any living creature,
- (g.) Any article or thing whatsoever which is likely to injure other Postal Packets in course of conveyance, or any receptacle in which the same are conveyed, or an officer of the Post Office or other person who may deal with such Packet.

Any such Postal Packet if posted or tendered for conveyance by post may be detained and either returned or given up to the sender thereof or dealt with or disposed of in such other manner as may be authorized by the Postmaster-General.

Prohibitions.

55. (1.) There shall not be posted, or conveyed, or delivered by post any Postal Packet, consisting of or containing two or more Postal Packets (of the same or of different descriptions), addressed to different persons at different addresses.

(2.) If any such Postal Packet be posted or tendered for conveyance by post, each Postal Packet contained therein may be forwarded to the addressee thereof, charged with a distinct rate of postage, according to the prepaid rates fixed by this Warrant.

Redirection.

Charge for Redirection.

56. (1.) Any Postal Packet may be redirected from its original address or any substituted address within the United Kingdom to any other address within the United Kingdom, and in every case of such re-direction there shall be charged on such Packet in respect of each such re-direction, and (if not previously paid), paid by the addressee thereof in money upon the delivery of such Packet, a new and distinct rate of postage equal in amount to the rate of postage which shall have been originally chargeable on such Packet if the postage had been prepaid.

(2.) This provision shall not affect the provisions in favour of seamen, soldiers, and other specified persons contained in the several Acts and the Warrant specified in the second Schedule to this Warrant.

Remission of Redirected Rate.

57. The Postmaster-General may wholly remit the rate of postage for re-direction on any Postal Packet which may, on the request of the addressee thereof, be re-directed by an officer of the Post Office, and again forwarded by post to the same person at any address within the limits of the same free postal delivery as the address from which such Packet was so re-directed.

Registration.

Postal Packets other than Parcels may be Registered.

58. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, any Postal Packet other than a Parcel may be registered.

Rules as to Registration.

59. The following rules shall apply to the registration of Postal Packets—

(1.) The Packet must be posted by—

- (a.) Being handed for registration to an officer on duty at a Post Office; or
- (b.) Being handed for registration to a rural post messenger when on duty on his outward or inward walk or to some other officer of the Post Office authorized to receive Packets for registration though not on duty at a Post Office.

(2.) All sums chargeable on the registration of the Packet and all postage chargeable thereon must be prepaid at the time of posting.

(3.) On the posting of the Packet a certificate of posting bearing thereon an acknowledgment that the registration fee has been paid must be obtained. This certificate must be filled up and signed by the officer of the Post Office receiving the Packet.

Registration Fees.

60. For the registration of Postal Packets there shall be charged and paid the following sums, that is to say:—

(1.) When the Packet is registered by being handed to an officer of the Post Office authorized to receive the same, though not on duty at a Post Office, or when the Packet is registered at a Post Office before the expiration of the time appointed for the registration at such Post Office (without extra fee) of Postal Packets intended to be forwarded by the next despatch therefrom, the sum of two pence (hereinafter called the ordinary registration fee).

(2.) When the Packet is registered at a Post Office after the expiration of the time appointed for the registration at such Post Office (without extra fee) of Postal Packets intended to be forwarded by the next despatch therefrom, but within such further time (if any) as the Postmaster-General may from time to time provide with reference to such office, such extra sum in addition to the ordinary registration fee as the Postmaster-General may prescribe. Provided that—

- (a.) In the case of the Chief or Head Post Office in London such sum shall not exceed one shilling; and
- (b.) In the case of any other Post Office such sum shall not exceed four pence,

Compulsory Registration of Certain Packets.

61. All Postal Packets on which or the envelope or cover of which the word registered, or any other word or phrase to the like effect or purport is written or impressed, or which contain coin, jewellery, or watches (all which Packets are hereinafter called "Postal Packets subject to compulsory registration") shall be registered before the same are delivered to the persons to whom they are addressed, and may be detained for that purpose at any Post Office through which they shall pass until the ordinary despatch of Packets next after that by which such Packets ought otherwise to have been forwarded.

Detention of Packets subject to Compulsory Registration.

62. If any Postal Packet which is subject to compulsory registration shall be posted at any Post Office before an actual despatch of letters, but after the latest time appointed in the case of such Post Office for the receipt of Registered Postal Packets for transmission by such despatch, such Packet (whether duly posted as a Registered Packet by delivery for registration and payment of charges in manner aforesaid or not) shall not be forwarded by such despatch, but shall be detained at such Post Office until the next subsequent despatch by which the same can be forwarded to its destination.

Registration Fee on Packets compulsorily registered.

63. If any Postal Packet which is subject to compulsory registration shall be posted in any other manner than that prescribed by this Warrant for the posting of registered Postal Packets, such Packet shall be charged with a registration fee or charge of eight pence, in addition to all other postage payable thereon, but the stamps, if any, which may have been affixed to such letter or packet shall be accepted in payment or part payment, as the case may be, of such registration fee or charge of eight pence and such other postage as aforesaid.

Compensation for Loss and Damage of Articles in Registered Packets.

64. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, if any article of pecuniary value enclosed in or forming part of a registered Postal Packet be lost or damaged whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, the Postmaster-General may pay to any person or persons who may, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances), such sum as he may think just;

Provided that—

(a.) If only the postage and registration fee payable in respect of the said Postal Packet have been paid by the sender, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of two pounds.

(b.) If in addition to the postage and registration fee as aforesaid the sum of one penny has been paid by the sender in respect of such Postal Packet, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of five pounds.

(c.) If in addition to the postage and registration fee as aforesaid the sum of two pence has been paid by the sender in respect of such Postal Packet, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum of ten pounds.

Compensation not Payable in respect of Packets Posted without compliance with Registration Rules.

65. If any Postal Packet which is subject to compulsory registration shall be posted without compliance with the rules applicable to the registration of Postal Packets, no payment shall be made by the Postmaster-General in respect of the loss or damage (if any) of any article enclosed in or forming part of such Packet.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Other Postal Packets not to interfere with Letter Post.

66. Where the despatch or delivery from a Post Office of Letters would be delayed by the despatch or delivery therefrom at the same time of Postal Packets of any other description, such Packets or any of them may be detained in the Post Office until the despatch or delivery next following that by which they would ordinarily be despatched or delivered.

Compensation may be paid out of Aids provided by Parliament.

67. The Postmaster-General may give effect to the provisions of this Warrant as to the loss or damage of articles enclosed in or forming part of parcels and registered Postal Packets out of such aids or supplies as may be from time to time provided and appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, but nothing contained in or done under or in pursuance of this Warrant shall render him liable, either personally or in his official capacity, to any action or other legal proceeding in respect of or in consequence of any such loss or damage. And the decision of the Postmaster-General on all questions arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss or damage of any article enclosed in or forming part of a parcel or registered Postal Packet shall be final and conclusive.

Remission of Postage.

68. The Postmaster-General may, in any case in which he may consider it just or reasonable so to do, remit any postage or any sum made payable under this Warrant.

Commencement of Warrant.

69. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

Dated this second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

Cyril Flower,
G. Leveson-Gower,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Wolverton,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.
Warrants and Regulations Repealed.

Date of Treasury Warrant.	Date of Regulations.	Extent of Repeal.
28th November, 1844 ... ..	... ..	So much as relates to Inland Postal Packets
22nd October, 1847 ... ..	... ..	The whole
1st April, 1864	10th February, 1860	The whole
26th September, 1870 ... ..	... ..	So much as relates to Inland Postal Packets
... ..	... ..	The whole
16th August, 1871	26th September, 1870	The whole
29th December, 1877	8th August, 1871	The whole
... ..	... ..	The whole
3rd August, 1882	9th May, 1879	So much as relates to Inland Postal Packets
29th June, 1883 ... ..	... ..	... ..
18th January, 1884 ... ..	... ..	... ..
15th February, 1884 ... ..	... ..	... ..
13th May, 1884 ... ..	... ..	... ..
19th June, 1885 ... ..	... ..	... ..
23rd June, 1885, relating to Inland Postal Packets	... ..	... ..
23rd June, 1885, relating to Inland Parcels	... ..	... ..
9th February, 1886 ... ..	... ..	... ..

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

Acts and Warrant relating to Redirection of Seamens', Soldiers', and Officers' Letters.

Short Title of Act.	Year and Chapter of Act.	Date of Warrant.
Post Office (Duties) Act, 1840	3 and 4 Vict., c. 96	16th July, 1885
Post Office (Duties) Act, 1847	10 and 11 Vict., c. 85	
Post Office (Duties) Act, 1860	23 and 24 Vict., c. 65	

Civil Service Commission, April 2, 1886.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, that the undermentioned Regulations have been amended as follows, viz. :—

REGULATIONS respecting Competitive Examinations, held under the Orders in Council of 4th June, 1870, and 12th February, 1876, for Second Class Clerkships in the India Office, Second Class Clerkships in the India Audit Office, and Men Clerkships in the Lower Division of the Civil Service, issued on the 8th July, 1881, and amended by the notices in the London Gazette, dated 11th July and 1st August, 1882, and 5th February, 1886 :—

Clauses 6 and 7 to be—

6. The number of persons to be selected for the Lower Division at each examination will be published as part of the notice of every such examination. The number of situations to be filled in the India Office, and in the India Audit Office, will be the number vacant at the time of the examination.

7 The successful candidates, if duly qualified, will be permitted to choose in their order as determined by the Competitive Examination, whether they will be appointed to a Second Class Clerkship in the India Office or India Audit Office, should any such situations be vacant, or be placed on the list for the Lower Division of the Civil Service. No candidate will be qualified to

be placed on the list for the Lower Division who has been placed on a similar list on the result of a previous examination.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that on the 17th May, 1886, and following days, a Competitive Examination will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Bristol, Plymouth, Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Cork, Belfast, and Limerick under the Regulations so amended, at which examination 48 Candidates will be selected for Men Clerkships of the Lower Division of the Civil Service (including those who may succeed in the limited competition under Clause 11 of the Order in Council of 12th February, 1876).

A Preliminary Examination will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Bristol, Plymouth, Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Cork, Belfast, and Limerick, on the 5th May, 1886.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 21st April, an "application" in the handwriting of the Candidate on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

Civil Service Commission, April 2, 1886.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that at an Open Competitive Examination for Boy Clerkships in the Lower Division of the