

An Act to amend some of the provisions of the Acts relating to the Bristol and Exeter Railway Company, and to grant to such Company certain powers of holding shares in other Undertakings.
And one private Act.

FOREIGN OFFICE, May 22, 1851.

It is hereby notified that Viscount Palmerston, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Sir Stratford Canning, Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople, a Despatch dated the 23rd of April last, inclosing a "note verbale" or memorandum from the Porte, announcing that the Blockade of the coasts and ports of Samos has been raised by order of the Sultan.

TREASURY WARRANT.

Whereas the mails passing between the West Indies and the United States of America are about to be landed at the Island of Saint Thomas, and sent from thence to their places of destination.

Now we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the power and authority in us for such purpose vested in and by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," and of all other powers and authorities enabling us in this behalf, direct that letters transmitted by packet-boat between any ports in Her Majesty's colonies, or between any port in Her Majesty's colonies and any foreign port, or between one foreign port and any other foreign port respectively, landed at the Island of Saint Thomas and sent on from thence to their places of destination without passing through the United Kingdom, shall be charged with the same rates of postage only as would have been chargeable thereon if the same had been sent direct to their places of destination without having been first landed at the said Island of Saint Thomas.

And we direct that printed newspapers (whether British, Colonial, or Foreign,) transmitted by packet-boat between any port in Her Majesty's colonies and any foreign port, or between one foreign port and any other foreign port respectively, landed at the Island of Saint Thomas and sent on from thence to their places of destination without passing through the United Kingdom, shall be charged with the same rates of postage only as would have been chargeable thereon if the same had been sent direct to their places of destination without having been first landed at the said Island of Saint Thomas.

And we direct that the several 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 Act of the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

And we hereby declare and direct that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by Warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter to alter or repeal any of the Regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any other Regulations in lieu thereof.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the thirteenth day of May 1851.

W. GIBSON-CRAIG.
R. M. BELLEW.

BUCKINGHAM-PALACE, May 20, 1851.

This day had audience of Her Majesty:—

Count Schimmelpenninck, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of the Netherlands, to present his letter of re-call;

To which he was introduced by Viscount Palmerston, G.C.B., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Colonel the Honourable Sir Edward Cust, K.C.H., Master of the Ceremonies.

WAR-OFFICE, May 23, 1851.

2d Regiment of Life Guards—Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant Henry John Townsend Stephens to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Honourable Jacob Henry D. Astley, who retires. Dated 23d May 1851.

Assistant-Surgeon Thomas Tardrew, from the 1st Regiment of Life Guards, to be Surgeon, vice Abraham James Nisbet Connel, M.D., who retires upon half-pay. Dated 23d May 1851.

8th Light Dragoons—Cornet Somerset John Gough Calthorpe to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Davis, who retires. Dated 23d May 1851.

2d Regiment of Foot—Acting Assistant-Surgeon Francis Holton, M.B., to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 23d May 1851.

10th Foot—Surgeon Charles Alexander Gordon, M.D., from the 57th Foot, to be Surgeon, vice Mockler, who exchanges. Dated 23d May 1851.

14th Foot—Ensign John Barlow to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Payne, who retires. Dated 23d May 1851.

21st Foot—Captain James Hill Albouy, from the 46th Foot, to be Captain, vice Dickins, who exchanges. Dated 23d May 1851.

45th Foot—Brevet Major Edward Baker Bere, from half-pay 15th Light Dragoons, to be Captain, vice Donald William Tench, who exchanges. Dated 23d May 1851.

Lieutenant George William Morris to be Captain, by purchase, vice Bere, who retires. Dated 23d May 1851.

Ensign Robert Graham Howard to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Morris. Dated 23d May 1851.

46th Foot—Captain George Caldwell Dickins, from the 21st Foot, to be Captain, vice Albouy, who exchanges. Dated 23d May 1851.

57th Foot—Surgeon Edward Mockler, from the 10th Foot, to be Surgeon, vice Gordon, who exchanges. Dated 23d May 1851.

62d Foot—Brevet Major William Mathias to be Major, by purchase, vice Jones, promoted in the 2d West India Regiment. Dated 23d May 1851.

Lieutenant and Adjutant John M. M. Hewett to be Captain, by purchase, vice Mathias. Dated 23d May 1851.

Ensign George O'Donnell to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Hewett, promoted. Dated 23d May 1851.

Lieutenant Charles Lambert to be Adjutant, vice Hewett, promoted. Dated 23d May 1851.

99th Foot—Lieutenant Patrick Johnston to be Captain, without purchase, vice Brevet Major Nicholson, deceased. Dated 17th February 1851.

2d West India Regiment—Major Loftus Francis Jones, from the 62d Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by purchase, vice Sedley, who retires. Dated 23d May 1851.