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THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Colonel the Honourable William Lygon Pakenham, C.B., Her Majesty's royal license and permission that he may accept and wear the Cross of a Commander of the Second Class of the Order of Saint Maurice and Saint Lazarus, which the King of Sardinia hath been pleased to confer upon him, in testimony of his approbation of his distinguished services before the enemy during the late war.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS 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," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed, and made chargeable and payable upon, for, 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 whereas by the said Act powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, and at any time thereafter, 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 of 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 the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage is extended to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to them, in and by the said two before mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did, by a certain Warrant in writing, under the hands of two of them, the said Commissioners, by the authority of the Statute in that case made and provided, bearing date the 22d day of February 1855, order and direct that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures might be transmitted by the Post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the several places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule B to the now reciting Warrant annexed; and that all such respective packets should be so transmitted in conformity with, and under, and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions therein-after mentioned and contained; and that the single rate of postage for the transmission thereof, if not exceeding half a pound in weight, should be that which was mentioned and set forth against the said places respectively in the said Schedule B, and that all such respective packets so transmitted should be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage therein-after mentioned.

And whereas in and by the said Schedule B to the said recited Warrant annexed, all such packets as were in the said recited Warrant mentioned were authorized to be transmitted by the Post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the respective Colonies of New Zealand, New South Wales, and South Australia, and the single rate of postage chargeable and payable for the transmission of each such packet, under the regulations and conditions mentioned and prescribed in the said recited Warrant, was sixpence.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did, by a certain other Treasury Warrant in writing, bearing date the 7th day of July 1855, under the hands of two of them, the said Commissioners, by the authority of the Statute in that case made and provided, order and direct that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial

