

MEMORANDA.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Ensign Donald Dugald Mackenzie in the 7th Inverness-shire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Second Lieutenant Henri Josse in the 2d Lincolnshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Ensign George F. MacNeal in the 3d Argyllshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held by the following Officers; viz. :—

Captain John Aitken in the 4th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps;

Lieutenant John Bullough in the 7th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps; and

Captain George William Law Schofield in the 88th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Waterford Artillery Militia.

Second Lieutenant George Lennox Swale to be First Lieutenant, vice Harrison, resigned. Commission dated 28th November 1863.

WILLIAM JOHN DENNEHY, Clerk of the Peace, County of Waterford.

Waterford, December 8, 1863.

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, 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 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant in writing, under their hands, bearing date at Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 21st day of July 1857, in exercise of the powers vested in them in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did (amongst other things) 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 A to the now reciting Warrant annexed, and amongst other places, Canada, subject to the several rates of postage and

regulations therein contained. And the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did order, direct, and declare that the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury might, by warrant under their hands, or the hands of any two of them, at any time thereafter alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage thereby fixed or altered, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions thereby made, and might make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates of postage which might be payable were to be paid.

And whereas it is expedient to extend the privileges granted by the said recited Warrant of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the said 21st day of July 1857, and to authorise the transmission by the post, between the United Kingdom and Canada, of certain other packets, and for that purpose to make certain further and other regulations in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, and every 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 and direct as follows, that is to say :—

1. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise of no intrinsic value, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Canada, or posted in Canada addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Canada, the sea conveyance being by Canadian packet-boat, subject to the several rates of postage, and to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions hereinafter mentioned and contained (that is to say) :—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, a uniform single rate of postage of threepence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one half of a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, four rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and one half of another pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, six rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and one half of another pound, and not exceeding two pounds in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, eight rates of postage.

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two additional rates of postage; and every fractional part of such additional half of a pound in weight shall be charged as an additional half of a pound in weight; and each progressive and additional rate 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.