

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

North Hants Yeomanry Cavalry.

Cornet William Theophilus Græme to be Lieutenant, vice Walter Tayler, resigned. Dated 8th October 1844.

Thomas George Baring, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Græme, promoted. Dated 8th October 1844.

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

The Queen's Own Regiment of Worcestershire Yeomanry Cavalry.

Robert Berkeley, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Williams, resigned. Dated 16th October 1844.

Robert Clive, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Bolton, deceased. Dated 16th October 1844.

Thesdon Galton, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Hunt, promoted. Dated 16th October 1844.

George Hesketh Biggs, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Robeson, resigned. Dated 16th October 1844.

Whitehall, October 19, 1844.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto John Shelton, Esq. Colonel in the Army, and Lieutenant-Colonel of the 44th (East Essex) Regiment of Foot, Her royal licence and permission, that he may accept and wear the insignia, of the second class, of the Order of the Dooranée empire, which His late Majesty Shah Shooja-ool-Moolk, King of Afghanistan, was pleased to confer upon him, in testimony of His Majesty's approbation of his distinguished services in Afghanistan; and that he may enjoy all the rights and privileges thereunto annexed; provided, nevertheless, that Her Majesty's said licence and permission doth not authorize the assumption of any style, appellation, rank, precedence, or privilege appertaining unto a Knight Bachelor of these realms:

And also to command, that Her Majesty's said concession and especial mark of Her royal favour be registered, together with the relative documents, in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

Whitehall, October 22, 1844.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Randall Gossip, of Thorp Arch-hall, in the county of York, Esq. and to Christiana his wife, only daughter of the late William Marshall, of Newton Kyme, in the said county, Esq. sometime Lieutenant-Colonel of the 3d West York Militia, deceased, and sister and sole heir of, William Hatfield (heretofore William Marshall), late of Laughton-en-le-Morthen, also in the said county, and of Newton Kyme aforesaid, Esq. also deceased, Her Majesty's royal licence and authority, that, from motives of grateful and affectionate respect for the memory of the said William Hatfield, and also in consideration of the said Christiana being now in the actual possession of the estates of the

ancient family of Hatfield, they may take and henceforth use the surname of Hatfield, in lieu of that of Gossip; that the said Randall Gossip may bear the arms of Hatfield quarterly, in the first quarter, with his own family arms; that the said Christiana may also bear the arms of Hatfield; and that the said surname of Hatfield, in lieu of that of Gossip, and the arms of Hatfield, quarterly, in the first quarter, with their own family arms, may be taken, used, and borne by the issue of their marriage; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Heralds' Office, otherwise the said licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And also to command, that the said royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," power is 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 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 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 it is provided that the power thereby given should extend to any increase or reduction or remission of postage.

And whereas, in consequence of a communication opened with the Republic of Venezuela in South America, it is considered expedient to alter the rates of postage payable on letters conveyed by packet boat or private ship, between that country and the United Kingdom, and between that country and the British Colonies.

Now, we the undersigned, being three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said recited Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling us in this behalf, direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Venezuela, conveyed between the United Kingdom and Venezuela direct by packet boat, there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of British postage of one shilling; and that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Venezuela, conveyed between the United Kingdom