

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

1st Regiment of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Militia.

Arthur Wallace Munro, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Starkie, resigned. Dated 26th December, 1854.

3rd Regiment of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Militia.

Lieutenant Edward Monk to be Captain, vice Pedder, resigned. Dated 30th December, 1854.

Philip Haughton Whittaker, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 29th December, 1854.

Ensign John Motherwell to be Lieutenant, vice Monk, promoted. Dated 29th December, 1854.

Frederick Beasley, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 29th December, 1854.

Peyton Sheals, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 30th December, 1854.

4th or Duke of Lancaster's Own (Light Infantry) Royal Lancashire Militia.

Ensign Acquilla Kent to be Lieutenant, vice Whitehead, resigned. Dated 29th December, 1854.

Philip Morton Pitt, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Kent, promoted. Dated 29th December, 1854.

5th Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia.

George Parker, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 29th December, 1854.

Lancashire Hussars.

Sir Robert Tolver Gerard, Bart., to be Major-Commandant, vice Sir John Gerard, Bart., deceased. Dated 29th December, 1854.

Whitehall, January 1, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Ann Schofield, of Baltic, in the township of Newchurch, in the Forest of Rossendale, in the county of Lancaster, Widow and Relict of James Schofield, late of Baltic aforesaid, Woollen Manufacturer, deceased, on behalf of her only son George William Law, a Minor of the age of fifteen years and upwards, by her former husband Henry Hargreaves Law, late of Newchurch aforesaid, Gentleman, deceased, Her royal licence and authority that her son the said George William Law, may from motives of affectionate respect and regard to the memory of the said James Schofield, as well as in compliance with a proviso contained in his last will and testament, henceforth take and use the surname of Schofield in addition to, and after that of Law :

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

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," 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 or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by an

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 it is expedient to alter the rates of postage on the letters hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, or either 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 that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea, or posted at any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea, addressed to the United Kingdom and transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any port in Turkey or the Black Sea in closed mails via France (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by French packet-boats) there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters an uniform British rate of Postage of two-pence.

And that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Alexandria or any other place in Egypt, or posted in Egypt, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any port in Egypt, via France (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by British packet-boats) there shall be charged, taken, and paid, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters, an uniform total rate of postage of one shilling.

And we direct that on every letter transmitted, as is hereinbefore mentioned, exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable, by law, on such respective letters, progressive and additional rates of postage, as follows; that is to say :

On every letter exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding three quarters of an ounce in weight, three rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding three quarters of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every quarter of an ounce in weight, above the weight of one ounce, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and every fraction of a quarter of an ounce above the weight of one ounce, shall be charged as an additional quarter of an ounce, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with, under the provisions hereinbefore contained, if not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight.

And we do further order and direct, that on every letter not exceeding one half an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Alexandria, or any other place in Egypt, or posted in Alexandria, or any other place in Egypt, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post, direct between any place