

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Suffolk.

Eastern Regiment of Suffolk Militia Artillery Corps.

Captain James Mill Walker, Esq., to be Major, vice Beauchamp, resigned. Dated 9th November, 1855.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of Friday, the 2nd November instant.]

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

2nd Regiment of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Militia.

Henry Harrington Molyneux Steel, Gent., to be Ensign from the 30th August last, vice Barlow, promoted. Dated 29th October, 1855.

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 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 whereas another Act was passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications."

And whereas, by a certain Warrant, under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 19th day of September, 1855, certain rates of postage were fixed on letters transmitted direct by British packet-boats between any ports in the British colonies, or between any ports in the British colonies and any foreign port (not in any such cases passing through the United Kingdom). And whereas it is expedient that so much of the said recited Warrant as extends to or affects the postage on letters transmitted between any of Her Majesty's colonies and any port in Peru, or any other port on the western coast of South America should be repealed.

1. Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the several 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 so much of the said recited Warrant of the 19th day of September, 1855, as extends to or affects the postage on letters transmitted between any of Her Majesty's colonies and any port in Peru, or any other port on the western coast of South America, not passing through the United Kingdom (the conveyance thereof being by British packet-boat direct, or *viâ* Panama), shall be, and the same is hereby, annulled and repealed.

2. And we do further order and direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, brought into the United Kingdom by packet-boat from the British squadron on or off the Western Coast of Africa, without passing through any post-office, or coming from any foreign port on that coast, there shall be charged and paid, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable thereon, a rate of postage of sixpence.

3. And we do further order and direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted between any of Her Majesty's colonies and any port in Peru, or any other port on the Western Coast of South America, without passing through the United Kingdom (the conveyance being by British packet-boat direct or *viâ* Panama), there shall be charged and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable thereon (or which but for the repeal hereinbefore contained, would be hereafter payable thereon), a rate of one shilling and four pence.

4. And we do further order and direct, that on every letter transmitted as is hereinbefore respectively mentioned, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and paid progressive and additional rates of postage, as follows; (that is to say):

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

On every letter exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every letter exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage, and every fraction of an ounce above the weight of four ounces shall be charged as one additional 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 this Warrant, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

5. And we do further order and direct, that nothing hereinbefore contained, shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by or under the said recited Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, and that all such exemptions and privileges shall remain in full force.

6. And we do further order and direct, that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to repeal, alter, or affect three certain Warrants, respectively under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date respectively the 23rd day of November, 1852, the 15th day of March, 1854, and the 31st day of March, 1855, or any or either of them, or any of the rates of postage thereby respectively fixed and established.

7. And we do further order and direct, that on every letter not exceeding one-quarter of an ounce in weight, sent from or to any commissioned or non-commissioned officer, serjeant, corporal, drummer, trumpeter, fifer, or private soldier in Her Majesty's regular forces, artillery, or royal marines, or from or to any commissioned or warrant officer, midshipman, master's mate, or seaman