

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

Cambridgeshire Militia.

Lieutenant William James Harrison to be Captain, vice Cotton, resigned. Dated 2nd April, 1857.
Ensign Edward Muriel Martin to be Lieutenant. Dated 2nd April, 1857.

Commission signed by Her Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy for the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

Galloway Rifles Militia.

Doctor William Ramsay Potts to be Surgeon, vice Grant, resigned. Dated 3rd April, 1857.

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 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 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, by a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 14th day of August, 1856, it was ordered and directed that packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates of postage and regulations therein contained.

And whereas, it is expedient that the said Warrant should be repealed, and that such rates of postage should be charged and such other regulations made with respect to certain packets sent by the post as are hereinafter contained.

1. 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 the said Warrant, dated the 14th day of August, 1856, and the several rates of postage, and the several orders, directions, and regulations therein mentioned and set forth, relating to the transmission, by the post, of packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, within the United Kingdom, shall cease and determine, and shall be, and the same are hereby repealed and revoked; nevertheless no Treasury Warrant repealed by the said Warrant of the 14th day of August, 1856, shall be revived by this Warrant.

2. And we do further order and direct, that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works

of literature or art, posted in the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates and regulations hereinafter contained (that is to say):

On every such packet if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one penny.

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of two pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces, and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of four pence.

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 and taken one uniform rate of postage of six pence.

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 and taken one uniform rate of postage of eight pence.

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

3. And we do further order and direct, that no such packet which in length, or width, or depth, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions aforesaid.

4. And we do further order and direct, that the postage of all such packets as aforesaid shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet, near the address or direction, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon under or by virtue of this Warrant, unless any such packet be sent from any department or office, in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, in which case the same shall be forwarded, post-paid, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such postage account.

5. And we do further order and direct, that, for the purposes of this Warrant, the terms "books, publications, or works of literature or art," shall mean and comprise all such articles as in their general character are either literary or consist of printed, written, engraved, or lithographed matter (although not strictly literary), including books (whether printed, written, or plain), publications or compilations (whether in print or in manuscript), almanacks, printed or lithographed letters, and such artistic productions as prints, maps (whether on paper or canvas or cloth, and whether printed or written), and photographs, when not on glass or in frames containing glass, and any description of paper, parchment, or vellum (whether printed, lithographed, written upon, or plain, or any mixture of the four), together with any binding, mounting, or covering of, or upon, or belonging to, any such article or production, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any paper, parchment, or vellum, and including also