

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

William Noel Mundy, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 12th February, 1857.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Stafford.**2nd Regiment of King's Own Staffordshire Militia.*

Ensign David Watts to be Lieutenant, vice Walton, resigned. Dated 1st May, 1856.

*Commission signed by Her Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy for the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.**Galloway Rifles Regiment of Militia.*

Ensign Arthur Graham Hay to be Lieutenant, vice Barry, promoted. Dated 12th May, 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," power is given to the Postmaster-General to remit any of the rates of British postage for the time being, payable by law, on the transmission of post letters, newspapers, or other printed papers, to such extent as the Lords of the Treasury shall from time to time direct; and power is also 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 or newspapers, or 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 it is expedient that regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the letters hereinafter mentioned.

Now, we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said Act, 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 half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, and sent from or to any Commissioned Officer (whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines), or any Warrant Officer, Midshipman, or Master's Mate, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any foreign or colonial station, and transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any such ships or vessels, direct or through any colony or foreign country, there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform British rate of six pence.

And we direct that on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, sent from or to any commissioned officer (whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines), or any warrant officer, midshipman, or master's mate, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any foreign or colonial station, and transmitted by the post between any such ships or vessels, and any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any other foreign or colonial station, through the United Kingdom direct or through any colony or foreign country,

there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters; an uniform British rate of one shilling.

And we direct that on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, sent from or to any commissioned officer (whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines), or any warrant officer, midshipman, or master's mate employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any foreign or colonial station, and transmitted by the post between any such ships or vessels and any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom direct, or through any colony or foreign country, there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, the rates of British postage following (that is to say):—

For the conveyance of every such letter between Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any such foreign or colonial station and any part of the United Kingdom, a rate of six pence; and for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such colony or foreign country.

And we direct, that on every letter, transmitted as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say:

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

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

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

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of three ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage, and every fraction of an ounce above the weight of three 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.

And we further direct, that all letters which shall be sent by the post under the regulations of this Warrant shall be subject, in addition to the British rates hereby fixed, to the payment of any foreign postage which shall be chargeable thereon.

And we further direct, that the several terms and expressions used in this Warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said recited Act.

And we further direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of June next.

Provided lastly, and we hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant duly made at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby altered, or the regulations hereby made, and to make and esta-