

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

Forres Rifle Volunteer Corps, being No. 1 Company in the County of Elgin.

Sir Alexander Penrose Gordon Cumming, Bart., to be Captain. Dated 30th January, 1860.
Felix Calvert MacKenzie, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 30th January, 1860.
Robert Davidson Mayfield, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 30th January, 1860.

[The following Article is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 31st of January last.]

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

1st Company of the Banff Volunteer Artillery Corps.

William James Whyte, M.D., to be Captain. Dated 30th December, 1859.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament 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 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 whereas, by another Act of Parliament 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," further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and power is also given to the Postmaster-General (amongst other things) to collect and receive the foreign and colonial postage charged or chargeable on any letter sent by the post, and also with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to require the postage, British, colonial, or foreign, of any letter sent by the post to be prepaid, either in money or in stamps, as he might think fit, on the same being put into the Post-office.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have, by divers Warrants under their hands, fixed, made, and established, certain rates of British postage payable on the transmission by the post of certain colonial letters therein respectively mentioned.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by a certain other Warrant under their hands, bearing date the fifteenth day of January, 1858, did make regulations for the prepayment of the several rates of postage payable

on letters posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the colonies therein mentioned, and on letters posted in any of such colonies, addressed to the United Kingdom.

And whereas it is expedient to extend the provisions of the said last-mentioned Warrant to letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, Sierra Leone, and the Gold Coast, and to letters posted in those colonies addressed to the United Kingdom.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this present 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 as follows; that is to say:

1. On every letter posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, Sierra Leone, and the Gold Coast, and on every letter posted in any of such colonies, addressed to the United Kingdom, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

2. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, Sierra Leone, or the Gold Coast, without any postage having been paid thereon, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

3. If any letter shall be posted in the Cape of Good Hope, Sierra Leone, or the Gold Coast, addressed to the United Kingdom, without any postage having been paid thereon, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

4. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, Sierra Leone, or the Gold Coast, or be posted in any of such colonies, addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage paid thereon shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such letter would be liable under or by virtue of the regulations in force relating thereto, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage paid thereon and the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

5. Nothing hereinbefore contained shall in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege granted by the said Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty in favour of petitions and addresses forwarded to Her Majesty by the post, nor the privilege granted by the same Act to members of each House of Parliament to receive by the post petitions and addresses to Her Majesty and petitions addressed to either House of Parliament, not exceeding thirty-two ounces in weight, nor the privilege granted to printed votes or proceedings of Parliament, nor shall anything in this Warrant contained in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service now by law enjoy of sending and receiving by the post letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.