

By Order of the Vice Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

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

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Every Clayton; and in consideration of his long services to approve of his retaining his rank and wearing his uniform. Dated 9th May, 1864.

6th Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held by Captain John Robert Buchanan and Lieutenant Henry Richards. Dated 11th May, 1864.

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," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, 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 whereas by the said Act powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time and at any time thereafter, 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 of 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 the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage, is extended to any increase or reduction or remission of postage.

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

And whereas it is expedient that packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial or foreign, should be transmitted by the post between Malta and Gibraltar and Egypt, by British packet boat, and that certain rates should be fixed and certain regulations made for that purpose, in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers or authority in us for that purpose vested in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, 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, direct, and declare, as follows:—

1. All packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, posted in Malta or Gibraltar, addressed to Egypt, or posted in Egypt addressed to Malta or Gibraltar, may be transmitted by the post between Malta and Gibraltar and Egypt by British packet boat, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

On every such packet so transmitted, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken and paid, an uniform British rate of postage of three pence.

And on every such packet exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows, that is to say;

On every such packet if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, two rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one half of a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and one half of another pound in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and one pound and one half of another pound and not exceeding two pounds in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every additional half of a pound in weight, of any such packet above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of a pound in weight, shall be charged as an additional half of a pound in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause, shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

2. Every packet transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under, and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter contained, that is to say:—

No such packet which in length or breadth or width shall exceed the dimensions of two feet shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions aforesaid.

The terms "books, publications, or works of literature, or art," in this Warrant used, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, 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 any cases, or rollers of prints, or maps, bookmarkers (whether