

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.

6th Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Henry Wilshin to be Lieutenant. Dated 21st November, 1864.

Ensign George Edward Riddiford to be Lieutenant. Dated 21st November, 1864.

Joseph McGregor Koppel, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 21st November, 1864.

William Joseph Frederick Bannatyne to be Ensign. Dated 22nd November, 1864.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Edinburgh or Midlothian.

1st Midlothian Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Captain Charles Stewart to be Major. Dated 21st November, 1864.

First Lieutenant James Thomas Riddock to be Captain, vice Stewart, promoted. Dated 21st November, 1864.

Second Lieutenant Alexander O. Spence to be First Lieutenant, vice Riddock, promoted. Dated 21st November, 1864.

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

1st Dumbartonshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Edward Butt, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Burgess, resigned.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-six, 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 another Act of Parliament passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter eighty-five, 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 to authorise the transmission by the post between the United Kingdom and the British West Indies, and the colonies of Sierra Leone, Gambia, Lagos, and the Gold Coast, of certain packets, and for that purpose to make certain regulations in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

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 of Parliament, and every 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 as follows (that is to say):—

1. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise, of no intrinsic value, posted in any part of the United Kingdom addressed to any port in the British West Indies, or to any part of the colonies of Sierra Leone, Gambia, Lagos, or the Gold Coast, or posted in any port in the British West Indies, or in any part of the colonies of Sierra Leone, Gambia, Lagos, and the Gold Coast, addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the British West Indies, and the colonies of Sierra Leone, Gambia, Lagos, and the Gold Coast, subject to the several rates of postage, and to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions hereinafter mentioned and contained (that is to say):—

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

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding one-half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one-half of a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid 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, there shall be charged, taken, and paid six rates of postage;

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, taken, and paid 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. No such packet which in length, or breadth, or depth, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

3. No pattern or sample being of any intrinsic value, or being an article or thing of a saleable nature, or having a value of its own apart from its mere use as a pattern or sample, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

4. There shall be no enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorised by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.

5. There shall be no writing or printing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark and numbers and prices.

6. All such packets shall be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination: Nevertheless, samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open