

1870, the undermentioned Officer has this day been placed on the Retired List :—

Chief Engineer Edward Lewis.

To be Chief Boatswains in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 15th September, 1870 :

Charles Beaton.  
William H. Cruys.  
John Sullivan, V.C.  
Edmund Layton.

To be Chief Carpenters in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 15th September, 1870 :

John Brown.  
John Pollard.

*Admiralty, 26th September, 1870.*

The undermentioned promotion has this day been made in the hauling-down vacancy of Admiral Sir Alexander Milne, K.C.B., late Commander-in-Chief on the Mediterranean Station :—

Lieutenant Charles Noel Hoare to be Commander, with seniority from the 19th instant.

The undermentioned Engineers have been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineers :—

John Anderson Wilson, with seniority of 24th instant.  
Edward Ingledew, with seniority of this date.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Bristol.*

*1st Gloucestershire Artillery Volunteer Corps.*

Second Lieutenant William Barge to be First Lieutenant, vice Parr, resigned. Dated 23rd September, 1870.

Charles Edward Ley Gardner, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant, vice Barge, promoted. Dated 23rd September, 1870.

#### TREASURY WARRANT.

WE, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers given to us by the Post Office Acts, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, order and direct as follows :—

1. The letters and packets described or referred to in the schedule hereto may be transmitted by the post from the countries and places set forth in the first column to the countries and places set forth in the second column of such schedule (the transmission between the United Kingdom and Spain, the Balearic, or the Canary Islands, being via France, or direct by British or Spanish packet boat), at the rates of postage respectively specified therein and applicable thereto, and subject to the regulations and conditions hereinafter contained.

2. The postage of every letter mentioned in the schedule hereto shall be prepaid.

3. If the postage of any letter mentioned in the schedule hereto shall not be prepaid to the extent of the single rate of sixpence, the letter shall be charged with double the prepaid rate of postage,

without giving credit for any postage that may have been paid thereon; and if the postage of any such letter shall not be fully prepaid, but nevertheless prepaid to the extent of the single rate of sixpence, the letter shall be charged with double the amount of the deficient postage.

4. Registered letters may be transmitted upon payment of such additional charges or rates of postage or otherwise as the Postmaster General shall from time to time direct or appoint; provided that all rates of postage and additional charges or rates payable thereupon shall be prepaid, and that no payment shall be made thereupon on delivery.

5. This Warrant shall not prejudice or affect any exemptions or privileges granted by the Post Office Acts, nor the privilege enjoyed by seamen, soldiers, and others employed in Her Majesty's service, of sending and receiving letters at a reduced rate of postage.

6. All pattern or sample packets mentioned in the schedule hereto shall be subject to the following regulations and conditions; that is to say :—

The postage of every such letter shall be prepaid;

No patterns or samples shall be of any intrinsic value, or consist of articles or things of a saleable nature, or having a value of their own apart from their mere use as patterns or samples;

No packet shall contain any explosive or other dangerous material or substance, nor any sharp or pointed instrument, unless such sharp or pointed instrument shall be securely packed and guarded in such manner as to furnish complete protection against injury to the officers of the Post Office and to the contents of the mail bags.

No packet shall exceed two feet in length, or one foot in width or depth, unless under the special authority of the Postmaster General.

Every packet shall be sent open at the ends or sides, and either without a cover or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides. Nevertheless samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers may be enclosed in bags of linen or other material, fastened in such a manner that they can be readily opened.

No packet shall contain or bear any writing, except the name and address of the person for whom it is intended, the name and address of the sender, a manufacturer's or trade mark, and the numbers and prices of the patterns or samples.

Every packet posted in the United Kingdom shall be put into the Post Office at such hours in the day and under all such regulations as the Postmaster - General may appoint.

7. If any pattern or sample packet mentioned in the schedule hereto be sent by the post otherwise than in conformity with the regulations and conditions hereinbefore in the 6th clause contained, it shall be detained and opened, and be returned or given up to the sender thereof.

8. The rates of postage fixed by this Warrant on letters transmitted by the post as herein-mentioned shall be in lieu of those now payable thereon by virtue of a certain Treasury Warrant, dated the 6th day of September, 1858, which last-mentioned rates are hereby repealed.

9. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.