

The following promotions have also been made from the same date :—

Commander Edmund Charles Drummond to be Captain in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Lieutenants :

The Honourable Algernon Charles Littleton, Sacheverel Charles Darwin, to be Commanders in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Whitehall, November 13, 1877.

The Right Honourable John Duke, Lord Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed Francis Travers, of the town and county of the town of Poole, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Dorset, and for the town and county of the town of Poole.

Whitehall, December 29, 1877.

THE Secretary of State hereby gives notice, that the London Female Preventive Reformatory, at 5, Parson's Green, Fulham, in the county of Middlesex, has been certified by him as fit to be a Reformatory School for the reception of Girls (not exceeding 12 in number), under the provisions of "The Reformatory Schools Act, 1866."

TREASURY WARRANT.

WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by his signing the same), and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct, and declare as follows :—

1. Any postal packet may be registered at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, or in Gibraltar or Malta, or at any British Post Office in Alexandria, Beyrout, Constantinople, Smyrna, Suez, or Tangier (all of which hereinbefore mentioned Post Offices are hereinafter called British Post Offices), on delivering the same for registration to the Postmaster at any such Post Office or his Deputy when on duty at such office, or, in the case of postal packets posted in the United Kingdom, to any Rural Post Messenger when on duty, either on his outward or inward walk, and all fees, rates, or charges for registration, and all other postage payable on any postal packet delivered for registration shall be paid in stamps at the time of such delivery, and such Postmaster, Deputy, or Messenger shall give a written receipt for such packet to the person by whom the same shall be delivered for registration.

2. The registration rate or charge of postage payable on a postal packet which is registered on delivery at any British Post Office before the expiration of the time appointed for the registration at such Post Office (without payment of an extra registration fee), of postal packets intended to be forwarded by any despatch of letters therefrom, or which is registered on delivery to a Rural Post Messenger (and which registration rate or charge is hereinafter called the ordinary registration fee), shall be two pence, and shall be payable in stamps in addition to all other postage payable thereon.

3. After the expiration of the time appointed in the case of any of the Metropolitan Chief Post

Offices, or at any of the London Chief District Post Offices (including the Lombard-street, Gracechurch-street, and Charing Cross Branch Post Offices), or at any Provincial Head Post Office in the United Kingdom, for the registration at such Post Office without payment of an extra registration fee or charge, of postal packets intended to be forwarded by any despatch of letters from any such Post Office, a postal packet may during the time specially appointed for the purpose in the case of any such Post Office be registered thereat and be forwarded by such despatch on payment of a late registration fee or charge of four pence, in addition to the ordinary registration fee and to all other postage payable thereon: Provided always, that this regulation shall not apply to postal packets registered at the Chief Post Office, in St. Martin's-le-Grand, between the hours of 6 and 7.45 P.M.

4. A postal packet may be registered at the Chief Post Office, in Saint Martin's-le-Grand, between the hours of 6 and 7.45 P.M., and be forwarded by the Provincial Night Mails, on payment, between the hours of 6 and 6.30 P.M., of a late registration fee or charge of one shilling, and between the hours of 6.30 and 7.45 P.M., of a late registration fee or charge of two shillings and sixpence, in addition, in each case, to the ordinary registration fee and to all postage payable thereon: Provided, nevertheless, that no postal packet intended for transmission to any place out of the United Kingdom can be registered as aforesaid at the said office after 7.30 P.M.

5. If any article of pecuniary value enclosed in or forming part of a postal packet which was registered at any British Post Office be lost whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, through the dishonesty or negligence of any of his officers or servants, he may, on being satisfied as to the value of the article lost, pay such value (not exceeding two pounds in the case of any postal packet) to any person or persons who may in the opinion of the Postmaster-General establish a reasonable claim to compensation in respect of such loss, if the following conditions be complied with (that is to say)—

(a.) That the packet was duly delivered for registration, and all fees or charges for registration, and all other postage payable on such packet duly paid, and a receipt duly obtained for such packet in manner provided by this Warrant.

(b.) That the lost article was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope, and in the case of money (whether coins or bank notes) in an envelope specially provided by the Postmaster-General as an envelope for registered postal packets.

(c.) That the packet did not contain anything the transmission of which by post is prohibited by the regulations for the time being in force as to inland, colonial, and foreign letters respectively.

(d.) That the receipt given on the registration of the packet be forwarded together with the application for compensation.

(e.) That in case of complaint that the contents of a packet have been abstracted or lost, the envelope be forwarded, together with such application.

(f.) That the loss was not caused wholly or in part by any fault of the sender.

(g.) That the application for compensation be made by letter, addressed to the Secretary of the Post Office, within a reasonable time after the packet ought to have been delivered at its destination.