

24th *Middlesex*, Frank Anthony Labouchere, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 7th February, 1891.

1st *Tower Hamlets (the Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteer Brigade)*, George Gunnis Ferguson, M.B., to be Acting Surgeon. Dated 7th February, 1891.

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

The Right Honourable Charles Henry, Baron Hillingdon to be Deputy Lieutenant.

The Honourable Charles William Mills, M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

Charles Wheler Wheler, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

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

Edward Owen Vaughan Lloyd, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of the County of York, and of the City and County of the City of York.

Cecil Edmund Lister Kaye, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

31st January, 1891.

MAURITIUS.

REDUCTION OF LETTER POSTAGE. TREASURY WARRANT.

WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by the Post Office Acts, or any of them, and of all other 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:—

Definition.

1. In this Warrant the expression "United Kingdom" includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Rates of Postage.

2. On every letter transmitted by post from the United Kingdom to the Colony of Mauritius or any of its dependencies there shall be charged and paid (in lieu of any rates now payable) for every half of an ounce in weight of such letter, or fractional part of half of an ounce in weight, a rate of postage of two pence halfpenny.

Application of Provisions of other Warrants.

3. All such Letters as are hereinbefore referred to shall, subject to the provisions of this Warrant, be posted, forwarded, conveyed, and delivered under and subject to the provisions of any Treasury Warrant now or for the time being in force applicable thereto.

Commencement of Warrant.

4. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

Date.

Dated this thirty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

Herbert Eustace Maxwell,
Sidney Herbert,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Henry Cecil Raikes,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General:

TELEGRAMS FOR MALINDI (EAST COAST OF AFRICA).

TELEGRAPHIC Communication has now been established with Malindi, on the East Coast of Africa. The rate for Telegrams to Malindi by the route of the Eastern Telegraph Company is 8s. 2d. per word; and messages can also be forwarded via France at the same rate.

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office at the Bank of England, on Monday, the 16th instant, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Acts 40 Vic., cap. 2, and 51 and 52 Vic., cap. 32, to the amount of £1,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1,000, £5,000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 21st February, 1891, and will be payable at three months, or six months, or twelve months, after date, at the option of the persons tendering, viz.:—on the 21st May or 21st August next, or 21st February, 1892, respectively.

3. The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for; and the Tenders of private individuals must be made through a London Banker.

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Tuesday, the 17th instant, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than one o'clock, on Saturday, the 21st instant.

6. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, February 6, 1891.

WHEREAS by section 3 of "The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880," the killing and taking of wild birds were prohibited for the time between the 1st day of March and 1st day of August in each year, and by the 8th section power was given to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State as to Great Britain, upon the application of the Justices in Quarter Sessions assembled of any county, to extend or vary the time during which the killing and taking of wild birds, or any of them, was prohibited by the said Act, such extension or variation to be made by Order by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State:

And whereas the County Council of Durham have applied to me to the effect that an Order should be made directing that the time during which the killing and taking of wild birds is prohibited shall be varied in the county of Durham, so as to be from the 1st day of March to the 31st day of August in each year.

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of the said Act, and on such application as aforesaid, hereby order as follows:—

The time during which the killing, wounding, and taking of wild birds is prohibited, shall be varied in the county of Durham, so as to be from the 1st day of March to the 31st day of August in each year.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 3rd day of February, 1891.

Henry Matthews.