

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire Regiment), Colonel J. C. Cavendish, A.D.C., vacates the command and is appointed to the Honorary Colonelcy of the Battalion. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

4th (Nottinghamshire) Volunteer Battalion, the Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire Regiment), Lieutenant C. J. Huskinson to be Captain. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Northamptonshire Regiment, Captain R. Payling is granted the honorary rank of Major. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment); Acting Chaplain the Reverend R. T. Thornton resigns his appointment. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

3rd Volunteer Battalion, the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), Albert Victor Wells Forsdyke, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the King's (Shropshire Light Infantry), Francis Henry Thompson, Gent., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

3rd Middlesex, Surgeon-Major F. Orton to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

1st Middlesex (Victoria and St. George's), Michael Dunnington Fletcher, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 2nd January, 1897.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Manchester Regiment, Samuel Lees, Esq., is re-appointed Captain. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regiment), Surgeon-Major W. G. Lowe, M.D., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

Surgeon-Captain H. J. Fausset, M.D., to be Surgeon-Major. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

3rd (Sunderland) Volunteer Battalion, the Durham Light Infantry, Captain and Honorary Major M. H. Stack resigns his Commission; also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Battalion on his retirement. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

4th Volunteer Battalion, the Durham Light Infantry, Major J. Cook is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

Captain L. G. Pattinson resigns his Commission; also is granted the honorary rank of Major, with permission to continue to wear the uniform of the Battalion on his retirement. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

3rd (Morayshire) Volunteer Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, the Duke of Albany's), Lieutenant J. Thomson resigns his Commission; also is granted the honorary rank of Captain, with permission to continue to wear the uniform of the Battalion on his retirement. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

1st (Inverness-shire Highland) Volunteer Battalion, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, James Guild, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

7th Middlesex (London Scottish), Lieutenant and Instructor of Musketry J. A. Braik to be Captain, and to be seconded whilst holding the appointment of Instructor of Musketry to the Corps. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

Arthur Innes Keys, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 2nd January, 1897.

CADET BATTALION.

1st Cadet Battalion, the Manchester Regiment, Honorary Second Lieutenant H. H. Esplin to be Honorary Lieutenant. Dated 2nd January, 1897.

MEMORANDUM.

VOLUNTEER INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Severn Brigade, Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. Miers retires from the appointment of Brigade Major, under the provisions of paragraph 58D of the Volunteer Regulations. Dated 6th December, 1896.

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

Godfrey Lewis Clark, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

PARCEL POST.

THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES, NEW ZEALAND, FIJI, AND NEW HEBRIDES.

IN pursuance of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General hereby gives notice that a Warrant, dated the 24th day of December, 1896, has been made on his representation by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Post Office Acts, ordering, directing, and declaring that on and from the 1st day of January, 1897, parcels may, subject to the provisions of the said Warrant, and at the rates of postage therein specified, and in accordance with the regulations therein contained, be transmitted by Post between the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies, New Zealand, Fiji, and the New Hebrides.

And the Postmaster-General further gives notice that copies of the said Warrant may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Eyre and Spottiswoode, East Harding-street, Fleet-street, E.C.; or John Menzies and Co., 12, Hanover-street, Edinburgh, and 90, West Nile-street, Glasgow; or Hodges, Figgis, and Co. Limited, 104, Grafton-street, Dublin.

Dated this 30th day of December, 1896.

THE FAIRS ACT, 1873.

The Local Government Act, 1894.

ABERGYNOLWYN FAIR.

THE Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, that by Memorial, dated the 21st day of November, 1896, a representation has been duly made to him by the Dolgelly Rural District Council, that a Fair has been annually held at Abergynolwyn, in the parish of Llanfihangel-y-pennant, on the 16th day of October, and when that date falls on a Sunday, on the Monday after, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that such Fair should in future be held on the 15th day of October in each year, or, if that date falls on a Sunday, on the previous Saturday.

On the 30th day of January, 1897, the Secretary of State will take such representation into consideration, and any person who may desire to object to the alteration of the date for holding the Fair should intimate his objections to the Secretary of State before that day.

Home Office, Whitehall, December 30, 1896.