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WHITEHALL, January 27, 1853.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto Charles Brown, Major in the Service of the East India Company, Her royal licence and authority that in compliance with a proviso contained in a codicil annexed to a certain deed of entail, referring to the estate of Wallace Craigie, in the hire of Forfar, in Scotland, he and his issue may bear and use the surname of Constable, in addition to and after that of Brown;

And I command that the said royal concession and declaration be registered in Her Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise to be void and of none effect.

## TREASURY WARRANT.

Whereas by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act 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 whereas by an Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act 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," the proviso concerning the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, as fixed in and by the said first-mentioned Act is repealed; and in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times thereafter, by Warrant under their hands, to fix a maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight, wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum of weight in lieu thereof, and all letters are to be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post in conformity with any such Warrant, and also in conformity with, and under and subject to all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or

otherwise, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct. And by the said Act power is also given to the Postmaster-General to collect and receive the Foreign and Colonial postage charged or chargeable on any letters sent by the post; and also, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to require the postage, British, Colonial, or Foreign, of any letters sent by the post to be pre-paid, either in money or in stamps, as he may think fit, on the same being put into the Post-office; and also with such consent to abolish or restrict the pre-payment in money, of postage on letters sent by the post, either altogether or on certain letters, and to require the pre-payment thereof to be in stamps, and to refuse to receive or send by the post any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made. And it is also declared and enacted that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General and any Officer of the Post-office, to detain any letters which shall be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations of that Act, or the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant to be issued under or by virtue of that Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the said first-mentioned Act, and to open such letters, and either to return them to the senders thereof, or to forward them to the places of their destination, charged in either case with such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct.

Now We, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, by this Warrant, under our hands, order and direct that printed books, printed magazines, printed reviews, and printed pamphlets, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the East Indies, or posted in the East Indies addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and the East Indies, subject to the several regulations and rates hereinafter contained; that is to say:—

On every packet consisting of a single printed book, or printed magazine, or printed review,