

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," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from time to time, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British or inland postage, payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, 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.

And whereas, in pursuance and in exercise of certain of the powers given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in and by the said recited Acts, or one of them, a certain Warrant, under the hands of two of the said Commissioners and dated the 21st day of June 1854, was made, by which printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament are authorised to be sent by the post from the United Kingdom to the colonies of New South Wales, Barbadoes, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick; and printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures are authorised to be sent by the post from any of such colonies to the United Kingdom, subject to the several regulations and rates therein contained.

And whereas it is expedient to fix the weight of printed votes and proceedings to be sent by the post between the United Kingdom and New South Wales, under the regulations of the said recited Warrant.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant (under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, by the authority of the Statute in that case made and provided), order and direct that no packet of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, if exceeding the weight of three pounds, shall be sent by the post under the provisions of the said recited Warrant, from the United Kingdom to the Colony of New South Wales; and that no packet of printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, if exceeding the weight of three pounds, shall be sent by the post under the provisions of such Warrant, from the Colony of New South Wales to the United Kingdom.

And we further order and direct that if any packet of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post from the United Kingdom to New South Wales, under the provisions of the said recited Warrant, shall exceed the weight of three pounds, and if any packet of printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post, from New South Wales to the United Kingdom, under the provisions of the said recited Warrant, shall exceed the weight of three pounds, every such packet shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, and at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or given up to the person to

whom it shall be addressed, or forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

And we further order and direct that letters transmitted by any vessel between any ports in the Bahama Islands, in the West Indies, shall be no longer chargeable with the British sea postage rates to which the same are liable under certain Warrants under the hands of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date respectively the 1st day of September 1840, the 31st day of August 1841, and the 11th day of October 1843, or under any other Treasury Warrants, or under any Act of Parliament, and that all such letters shall be hereafter charged and chargeable, for the conveyance between any such ports, with such rates of postage as the Colonial Government of the Bahamas hath ordered and directed, or shall at any time hereafter order and direct.

And we further order and direct that the several terms and expressions used in this Warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said recited Warrant of the 21st day of June 1854.

And we further order and direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Provided lastly, and we hereby declare and direct that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by Warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter to alter any of the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other regulations in lieu thereof.

Whitehall, Treasury-Chambers, the twenty-eighth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

W. E. GLADSTONE.
ALFRED HERVEY.

OFFICE OF ORDNANCE, September 29, 1854.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

First Lieutenant Oliver Robert Stokes to be Second Captain, vice Mytton, deceased. Dated 21st September 1854.

Second Lieutenant Robert Loftus Tottenham to be First Lieutenant, vice Stokes. Dated 21st September 1854.

MEMORANDUM.

The dates of promotion of the undermentioned Officers have been altered as follows; viz.—

Second Captain H. A. Thrupp and First Lieutenant A. H. C. Halmilton, to 19th July 1854.

Second Captain E. C. Mainwaring and First Lieutenant E. C. Cuthbert, to 3d August 1854.

Second Captain A. Gordon and First Lieutenant P. Jackson, to 4th August 1854.

Second Captain W. I. Williams and First Lieutenant I. Tucker, to 24th August 1854.

Second Captain C. F. Young and First Lieutenant B. F. Schreiber, to 13th September 1854.

Corps of Royal Engineers.

Second Lieutenant John Major Henniker to be First Lieutenant, vice St John, deceased. Dated 22d September 1854.