

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

Warwickshire Rifle Volunteers.

1st Company.

Charles Thomas Burt, gent. to be Ensign, vice Gem, promoted. Dated 23d February 1860.

6th Company.

Charles Reeves, gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated 24th February 1860.

Barnabas Chesshire, gent. to be Ensign. Dated 24th February 1860.

7th Company.

Edward Flower, gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated 24th February 1860.

William Henry Hunt, gent. to be Ensign. Dated 24th February 1860.

Commissions signed by Her Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy of the County of Lanark.

1st Lanarkshire Artillery Volunteers.

10th Company.

Donald Matheson, Esq. to be Captain. Dated 24th February 1860.

Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers.

59th Company.

John James Alston, Esq. to be Captain. Dated 25th February 1860.

John Bankier, gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated 25th February 1860.

Patrick Robertson, gent. to be Ensign. Dated 25th February 1860.

63d Company.

John Ure, Esq. to be Captain. Dated 24th February 1860.

James Sinclair, gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated 24th February 1860.

David Watt, gent. to be Ensign. Dated 24th February 1860.

1st Durham Regiment of Militia.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain Edward Kent Fairless.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the Duties of Postage," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed, and were made chargeable and payable upon, for, and 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 by the same Act powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, and at any time thereafter, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage or Inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of Foreign or Colonial letters or newspapers, or of any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such Warrant, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to

alter or repeal any of such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which might be payable were to be paid; and the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage was extended to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas by an Act of Parliament passed in the eighth year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for the better Regulation of Colonial Posts," power is also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of Colonial postage payable by law for the transmission of letters by the post, and to subject the same to rates of postage, according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such Warrant, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and the rates of Colonial postage from time to time to become payable, under or by virtue of any such Warrant, are to be charged and paid accordingly; and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which might be payable are to be paid; and the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage was extended to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage; and it was declared that the term "letter" should include post letters, and packets, newspapers, votes, and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, and votes and proceedings of the legislatures of any of Her Majesty's Colonies or Provinces, pamphlets, and other printed papers.

And whereas by an Act of Parliament passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her 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 provision fixing the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post in the first-mentioned Act was repealed, and in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or 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 the maximum weight of letters to be sent by 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 it is provided that all letters should 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, should 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 might 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 also to refuse to receive or send by the post