

MEMORANDA.

Huntingdonshire Militia.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Lieutenant William Whitter Goldcutt.

Royal North Gloucester Regiment of Militia.

Her Majesty has signified her pleasure that Assistant-Surgeon John Leete Eland be, and he is, removed from the strength of the said Regiment.

1st Administrative Brigade of Cornwall Artillery Volunteers.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held in this Brigade by Major Charles Glynn Prideaux Brune.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, 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 power was given to the Postmaster-General to charge such higher rates of postage on certain letters, newspapers, and other printed papers therein mentioned, as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, should from time to time deem expedient, and also to remit any of the rates of British postage or inland postage for the time being payable by law on the transmission of post letters, newspapers, or other printed papers, to such extent as the Lords of the Treasury should from time to time direct; and by the same Act power was also 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 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 whereas, by another Act of Parliament made and passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 49, 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 of such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof;

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 85, 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, by another Act of Parliament made and passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 27, for amending the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and providing for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications, power was given to Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or time thereafter, to make and issue such orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions, as he should deem to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of regulating the receipt, transmission, and delivery by post of periodical publications, under the provisions of that Act, or for preventing or detecting frauds or abuses in relation thereto, and for giving effect to the purposes of that Act, and also for the said Postmaster-General, with the like consent, from time to time to rescind or revoke all or any such orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions, and to make and issue any new ones in lieu thereof; and it was provided that all periodical publications sent by post otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations established by or under the authority of that Act might be detained by the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the Post-Office, and after being opened the same should be either returned to the senders thereof or forwarded to the place of their destination charged with the like rates of postage as if the same were letters transmitted by the post, and that the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, might authorize Her Majesty's Postmaster-General to charge in any such case any such less rate of postage as to him should seem fit; and it was also declared that the term "periodical publication" used in that Act, should be construed to mean and include (amongst other things) a newspaper as defined by the Acts in force relating to the stamp duties on newspapers;

And whereas certain orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions have been from time to time made and issued by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General for the time being, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for the purpose of regulating the receipt, transmission, and delivery by post of printed newspapers and certain printed periodical publications, under the provisions of the said last hereinbefore recited Act;

And whereas by the said orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions so made and issued as aforesaid, it was ordered and declared that no newspapers transmitted by the post should have any word or communication printed thereon after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks thereupon, or upon the cover thereof, other than the name and address of the person to whom sent, and except as therein also mentioned; and it was further ordered and declared that if any of the said regulations should be disregarded, the said newspapers, in certain cases therein mentioned, should be dealt with in accordance with the regulations contained in certain Treasury Warrants relating to the transmission by the post of book packets as therein mentioned;

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said several hereinbefore recited Acts, some, or one of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, have, from time to time, by divers Warrants in writing under their hands duly made, issued certain