

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

18th Staffordshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Cordy Manby, gent. to be Captain. Dated 15th September 1865.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, 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 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 whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act passed in the eleventh year 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 certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act 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 for providing for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant in writing under their hands, bearing date at Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 20th day of December 1856, did, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament and every of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, order and direct that certain letters therein respectively mentioned, and also certain packets consisting of printed newspapers, and certain other packets consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, therein respectively mentioned, might be respectively transmitted by the post in conformity with, and under and subject to certain regulations, orders, directions, and conditions, and at certain rates of postage therein respectively mentioned, contained, and specified.

And whereas it is expedient that certain further and other regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned :—

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, and every or any 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 as follows ; that is to say :—

1. On every packet consisting of a printed newspaper, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Switzerland, and forwarded via France, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for the transmission thereof respectively, as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage of twopence, and on every

packet consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Switzerland, and forwarded via France, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for the transmission thereof respectively, as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage of fourpence ; and on every such packet respectively, chargeable with postage under this clause, which shall exceed four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, on and in respect of the said several and respective packets, such progressive and additional rates of postage as are hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto.

2. All such respective packets, chargeable with postage under the first clause of this Warrant, shall be subject to the same or the like several progressive and additional rates of postage as are mentioned and contained in the 7th clause of the said recited Warrant bearing date the 20th day of December 1856, with respect to the several and respective packets in the said 7th clause of the said last-mentioned Warrant mentioned and referred to.

3. For the purposes of this Warrant every printed newspaper transmitted by the post under this Warrant shall be deemed and considered a packet, and shall be charged and chargeable with a separate and distinct single rate, or separate and distinct progressive and additional rates of postage, according to the weight thereof, as hereinbefore mentioned, notwithstanding two or more newspapers shall be enclosed and transmitted in one and the same cover, wrapper, envelope, or bundle, and form only one parcel or bundle of newspapers, and every printed supplement or additional sheet to any newspaper shall, for the purpose of charging the postage under this Warrant, be deemed a distinct newspaper, unless sent in the same cover, or together with the newspaper to which it is a supplement or addition.

4. No packet which shall exceed two feet in length, depth, or width, shall be transmitted by the post under the first clause of this Warrant.

5. The said recited Warrant bearing date the 20th day of December 1856 shall remain in force, except so far as the same, or any of the provisions thereof, have been altered or revoked by any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or by any regulations since made by the Postmaster-General ; which Warrant or Warrants and regulations, and also the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions in the said recited Warrant bearing date the 20th day of December 1856, and now in force, shall (except as provided by the 4th clause of this Warrant, and so far as the same are not inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Warrant,) be applicable thereto, and to the several provisions thereof, in like manner as if the same (not being inconsistent therewith or repugnant thereto) was herein respectively inserted, expressed, and repeated, with respect to all packets mentioned and contained in, and intended to be regulated by, the preceding clauses of this Warrant.

6. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, of no intrinsic value, posted in any part of the United Kingdom addressed to Switzerland, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Switzerland, via France, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned ; that is to say :—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged,