

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

Haddingtonshire, &c., Regiment of Artillery Militia.

The Honourable Walter Stuart, Master of Blantyre, to be Lieutenant. Dated 19th May 1869.

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, certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon 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 by the same Act powers were 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 postage therein mentioned.

And whereas further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in them in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, have from time to time, by divers Warrants under their hands, authorized and directed that packets consisting of printed papers, or of books, publications, or works of literature or art, or of patterns or samples of merchandize, might be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's colonies and possessions and certain foreign countries at certain rates of postage, and under and subject to certain conditions, regulations, and restrictions in and by the said several Warrants respectively specified and mentioned.

And whereas it is expedient to reduce the postage now chargeable on certain of the several packets transmitted as hereinbefore respectively 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 each 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, declare, and direct as follows, that is to say:—

1. That all packets consisting of printed papers, or of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, or of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or the Colonial Legislature, or of patterns or samples of merchandize not exceeding two ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to any of the several colonies, countries, and places mentioned and specified in the first schedule hereunder written, and respec-

tively transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to any of the several colonies, countries, and places mentioned and specified in the first schedule hereunder written, by the respective routes, and in the manner in the said first schedule also mentioned, under the authority of any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in force relating thereto, shall, in lieu of being charged with the respective rates of postage payable thereon under such respective Warrant or Warrants for such transmission thereof respectively as hereinbefore mentioned, be charged with the rates of postage following; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of one penny;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of twopence.

2. That all packets consisting of printed papers, or of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, or of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, or of patterns or samples of merchandize, not exceeding two ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the several colonies, countries, and places mentioned and specified in the second schedule hereunder written, and respectively transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to any of the several colonies, countries, and places mentioned and specified in the second schedule hereunder written, by the respective routes and in the manner in the said second schedule also mentioned, under the authority of any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in force relating thereto, shall, in lieu of being charged with the respective rates of postage payable thereon under such respective Warrant or Warrants for such transmission thereof respectively as hereinbefore in this clause mentioned, be charged with the rates of postage following; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of twopence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of fourpence.

3. All such packets as are mentioned in this Warrant shall remain subject in every respect (save as is in this Warrant mentioned) to the several orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions now in force and applicable thereto, and the several Warrants hereinbefore referred to shall (save in so far as the same are respectively altered or affected by this present Warrant) continue in full force and effect.

4. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands duly made, at any time hereafter alter, repeal, revoke, or modify the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof.

5. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.