

And the undermentioned Officers have been confirmed in the rank of Assistant-Surgeons in Her Majesty's Fleet :—

Mr John H. Houston, with seniority of 12th November 1867.

Dr Michael U. Greany, with seniority of 7th May 1868.

Mr Philip S. Warren, with seniority of 11th July 1868.

Queen's Commission.

North Durham Regiment of Militia.

Henry Stewart Tompson, Esq. late Captain 51st Foot, to be Adjutant, from the 30th May 1869, vice Scarman, retired.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Durham.

North Durham Regiment of Militia.

John W. Dickson, Esq. late 71st Foot, to be Captain. Dated 22d June 1869.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Edinburgh or Mid-Lothian.

1st Mid-Lothian Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Captain James Lawrence Boyd to be Major, vice Harper, resigned. Dated 18th August 1869.

Lieutenant Samuel Morton Smart to be Captain, vice Boyd, promoted. Dated 18th August 1869.

Ensign William Sim to be Lieutenant, vice Bennett, resigned. Dated 18th August 1869.

Ensign John Martin Elliot Turnbull to be Lieutenant, vice Smart, promoted. Dated 18th August 1869.

William Glover to be Ensign, vice Sim, promoted. Dated 18th August 1869.

Andrew Wallace to be Ensign, vice Turnbull, promoted. Dated 18th August 1869.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, and of the City and County of the City of Norwich.

16th Norfolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Edward Harrison to be Lieutenant, vice Marriott, resigned. Dated 28th August 1869.

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

1st Worcestershire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Walter Raleigh Browne to be Ensign, vice Westropp, resigned. Dated 27th August 1869.

Antrim Artillery Regiment of Militia.

H. B. Johnston, Esq. to be Lieutenant. Dated 17th August 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 and newspapers, Parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers, transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the trans-

mission 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.

An 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, authorised and directed that packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, or of printed papers, or of patterns or samples of merchandize, might be transmitted by the post between Her Majesty's colonies and possessions, and also between 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 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, direct, and declare as follows, that is to say :—

1. In all cases where packets consisting 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 printed papers, or of patterns or samples of merchandize, transmitted by the post through the United Kingdom between any of Her Majesty's colonies or possessions, or between any of Her Majesty's colonies or possessions and any foreign country, under the authority of any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in force, are subject to a combined rate or rates of postage, which includes or include two British inland rates for their transmission through the United Kingdom, all such packets respectively shall henceforth be chargeable according to the weight thereof, with one penny per rate less than such combined rate or rates now payable for such transmission through the United Kingdom.

2. All such packets as are mentioned in this Warrant shall remain subject in every respect (save as 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.