

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant and Sheriff Principal of the County of Ayr.

Ayrshire Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.

Lieutenant Thomas Smith Cuninghame to be Captain of a Troop, vice Charles Lamb, resigned. Dated 18th December 1848.

Cornet Archibald Cuninghame to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Smith Cuninghame, promoted. Dated 18th December 1848.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act 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, 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 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 that may be payable are to be paid; and it is provided, that the power thereby given should extend to any increase or reduction or remission of postage:

And whereas, in consequence of communications opened with the post office of the United States of America, it is considered expedient that an alteration and remission should be made in the rates of postage on certain letters conveyed between that country and the United Kingdom:

Now we, the undersigned, being three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the power reserved to us in and by the said Act, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, by this warrant under our hands, order and direct, that all letters transmitted by the post between the United States and any part of the United Kingdom, or between the United States and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (the sea conveyance of all such letters between the United Kingdom and the United States being by the United States packet boats), shall, instead of being liable to the rates of British postage now chargeable thereon, be free from all British postage for the conveyance between the United States and any part of the United Kingdom.

Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters, the sea conveyance of which between the

United States and the United Kingdom shall be by British packet boats or otherwise than by United States packet boats.

And we further direct that letters conveyed between the United States and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, the sea conveyance of which between the United Kingdom and the United States shall be by the United States packet boats, shall, nevertheless, be chargeable with the same rates of postage for the conveyance by the post between such colonies or foreign countries and the United Kingdom, as all other letters forwarded by the post between the United Kingdom and any such colonies or foreign countries are or shall be liable to.

And we further direct that the term, "United States Packet Boats," used in this warrant shall include vessels employed or used by the Government or Post-office of the United States of America, under contract for the conveyance of post letters; and that all the other terms and expressions used in this warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning, in all respects, as they would have had if inserted in the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

And we do further direct, that this warrant shall come into operation on the 29th day of December 1848.

Provided lastly, and we do hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby fixed or altered, or the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and, from time to time, to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury-chambers, the 22d day of December 1848.

*W. Gibson Craig.
R. M. Bellew.
H. Rich.*

Whitehall, December 15, 1848.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Thomas Pittard Bagshaw, of Manchester, in the county palatine of Lancaster, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Whitehall, December 18, 1848.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Frank Cavendish Ward, of Prescott, in the county palatine of Lancaster, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.