

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Somerset.*

*1st Somerset Militia.*

Ensign George Froyte Bullock to be Lieutenant, vice Standert, resigned. Dated 1st August, 1854.

*West Somerset Yeomanry Cavalry.*

Cornet Alfred Seymour to be Lieutenant, vice Browne, promoted. Dated 3rd August, 1854.

**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, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British or Inland postage, payable by law on the transmission by the post of Foreign or Colonial letters or newspapers, or 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 to make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid; and it is provided that the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage should extend to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas it is expedient that further regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the letters hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said Act, 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, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to any of the Danish Colonies in the West Indies, and transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom, and any port or place in such colonies (the sea conveyance being by British packet boats) there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform British rate of sixpence.

And we direct that on every letter transmitted as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say:

On every such letter exceeding half an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every such letter exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every such letter exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such letter exceeding three ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage; and every fraction of an ounce above the weight of four ounces shall be charged as one ad-

ditional ounce; and each progressive and additional rate, chargeable under this clause, shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

And we further direct, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act, or by any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post Office, and that all such exemptions and privileges shall remain in full force.

And we further direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Provided, lastly, and we hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by Warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby 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 first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

*Elcho.*  
*Alfred Hervey.*

*Whitehall, August 1, 1854.*

The Lord Chancellor has appointed James George Hobbs, of the city and county of Bristol, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

**CORN RETURNS.**

*Inland Revenue, 27, Norfolk-Street, Strand,*  
*August 4, 1854.*

NOTICE is hereby given by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the Act fifth Victoria, sess. 2, c. 14, that they have fixed and appointed the following place for receiving the "Corn Returns" under the said Act, also as a Collector's Office, Journal Office, and Seizure Store, viz.:

No. 45, Broad-street, Reading.

*Wm. Johnson.*

Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.  
Office of the Commissioners of Patents for  
Inventions.

NOTICE is hereby given, that—

725. Jean François Lucevilliard, Manufacturer, of Dijon, in the French Empire, has given notice at the Office of the Commissioners of his intention to proceed with his application for letters patent for the invention of "improvements in fastening or sustaining to the body the various parts or objects of body clothing, equipment, and harnessing."

733. And Philip John Passavant, of Bradford, in the county of York, Machine Comber, and John Cure, of the same place, Manager, have given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in machinery or apparatus for combing wool and other fibrous substances." As set forth in their respective petitions, both recorded in the said office on the 30th day of March, 1854.