

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of Yorkshire.

North York Rifle Regiment of Militia.

Ensign Robert Thompson to be Lieutenant, vice Bradley, promoted. Dated 3rd October, 1855.

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," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed, and made chargeable and payable, upon, for, 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 an Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act 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 by six several Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date respectively the 17th day of May, 1854, the 16th day of October, 1854, the 9th day of January, 1855, the 29th day of March, 1855, the 19th day of May, 1855, and the 29th day of June, 1855, certain regulations, orders, and directions were made and given, whereby the several persons in the said six several Warrants respectively mentioned and described, being persons employed in the several military, naval, or transport services, under Her Majesty, respectively mentioned in the said several Warrants, were authorised to send and receive letters transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and the several places therein respectively mentioned, such places being respectively Turkey, or the Black Sea, or any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea, the Kingdom of Greece, or any port or place in Greece, the Baltic Sea, or the adjacent waters or any port or place in the Baltic or the adjacent waters, the White Sea, or the adjacent waters or any port or place in the White Sea, or the adjacent waters and Heligoland, by the means and routes therein respectively mentioned and set forth, at certain reduced rates of postage therein specified.

And whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made whereby the said several persons in the said six several Warrants mentioned and described, being persons employed in the military, naval, or transport services under Her Majesty, respectively mentioned in the said several Warrants, should be authorised to receive packets consisting of books, publications or works of literature or art, and packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament transmitted by the post and sent and addressed to the said several persons, respectively, from any place in the United Kingdom to the said several places in the said six several Warrants respectively mentioned, by the means and routes and at the rates of postage hereinafter respectively mentioned, and under and subject to the several regu-

lations, orders and directions, conditions and restrictions hereinafter contained.

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 two before recited Acts, or either 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:

1. That all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, posted at any place within the United Kingdom and sent and addressed to any person employed in the several military, naval, or transport services under Her Majesty in the several places in the said six several Warrants hereinbefore recited, respectively mentioned and specified, or any of them; that is to say: in Turkey or the Black Sea, or any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea, in the Kingdom of Greece and any port or place in Greece, in the Baltic Sea or the adjacent waters, and any port or place in the Baltic Sea or the adjacent waters, in the White Sea or the adjacent waters, or any port or place in the White Sea or the adjacent waters, and in Heligoland, may be transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom, to the said several persons at the said several places respectively, subject to the several rates of postage and regulations following; that is to say:

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one penny.

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

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces, and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of four pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound, and not exceeding one pound and one half of another pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of six pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and one-half of another pound, and not exceeding two pounds in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of eight pence.

And for every additional half a pound in weight of any such packet, above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged and taken an additional rate of postage of two pence.

And every fractional part of every such additional half a pound in weight, shall be charged as one half of a pound in weight.

No such packet, which in length or width or depth shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions aforesaid.

2. That the terms "Books, Publications, or Works of Literature or Art," in this present Warrant used, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, mean and include all books, whether printed, written, or plain, publications, or compilations, whether in print or in manuscript, almanacks, prints, maps, whether on paper, or canvass, or cloth, and whether printed or written, and any