

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk.

Robert Chamberlin, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 5th December, 1857.

Norfolk Militia Artillery.

John Storer Brown, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant, vice Shovell Henry Brereton, promoted. Dated 5th December, 1857.

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

2nd Regiment of Royal Cheshire Militia.

Francis Lloyd, late Lieutenant in the Ayrshire Rifles, to be Captain, vice Newton, resigned. Dated 10th December, 1857.

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

Shropshire Regiment of Militia.

Frederick Henry Mainwaring, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Woodward, resigned. Dated 10th December, 1857.

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

Warwickshire Militia.

1st Regiment.

Henry Charles Palmer, Gent., to be Captain, vice A. T. H. Shaw, resigned. Dated 7th December, 1857.

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

Oxfordshire Regiment of Militia.

John Lynch Fletcher, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Bertie, retired. Dated 8th December, 1857.

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

Worcestershire Regiment of Militia.

Christopher Henry Hooke, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Payne, resigned.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Forfar.

Forfar and Kincardine Regiment of Militia Artillery.

Second Lieutenant John Clervaux Chaytor to be First Lieutenant, vice William Henry Smart, whose Commission has been cancelled. Dated 8th December, 1857.

Serjeant-Major William Wilson, from the Royal Artillery, to be First Lieutenant, vice Alexander Leighton, resigned. Dated 8th December, 1857.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," it is enacted that it should be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, and, at any time after the passing of that Act, 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 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, and reduction of the postage now payable on, the letters hereinafter mentioned:

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said recited 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 as follows:

1. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post by vessels not being packet boats, between the United Kingdom and any place beyond the seas (at whatever place within the United Kingdom the letter may be posted or delivered), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now chargeable on such letters, a uniform British rate of sixpence.

2. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post by vessels not being packet boats, between any places beyond the seas, through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now chargeable on such letters, a uniform British rate of one shilling.

3. 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.

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 additional 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.

4. The several letters transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be subject to the several orders, directions, and regulations contained in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 19th day of February, 1855, relating to re-directed rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be re-directed and again forwarded by the post, so far as the same are applicable to such letters.

5. Nothing in this Warrant contained shall affect or alter the postage now payable upon letters transmitted by the post by vessels not being packet-boats under or pursuant to a certain War-