

MEMORANDA.

Lancashire Volunteers.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions held by First Lieutenant Richard Blundell Houghton in the 2nd, and Captain Christopher Alston in the 5th Lancashire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain F. L. Lloyd Philipps in the 1st Carmarthenshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, 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 which 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 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, 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, by a certain Warrant in writing under their hands duly made, and bearing date, at Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the 19th day of July, 1852, did direct that certain rates of British postage therein mentioned should be charged and taken upon the transmission of letters between the United Kingdom and any place in the German postal union, and between any foreign country through any part of the German postal union, and any place in the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium by packet-boat.

And whereas by a certain other Warrant in writing duly made, and bearing date at Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 27th day of June, 1859, after reciting the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 19th day of July, 1852, and that a postal convention had been then recently made and entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of His Majesty the King of Prussia, and that it was expedient that further regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of certain letters in manner therein mentioned, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did direct that certain other rates of British postage therein mentioned should be charged and taken upon the transmission of letters between the United Kingdom and certain foreign countries, therein also mentioned, if such respective letters should be prepaid, the

said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium by packet boat.

And whereas a further postal convention has been lately made and entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of His Majesty the King of Prussia, and it has become expedient, by reason thereof, to extend the provisions contained in the said recited Warrant of the 27th day of June, 1859, to letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis, now chargeable with rates of postage under the said recited Warrant of the 19th day of July, 1852, in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

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

1. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any place in the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis, and on every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis, addressed to any place in the United Kingdom (the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium by packet boat), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of British postage of two pence half penny, if such respective letters be prepaid, and, if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of three pence half penny.

2. And on every letter transmitted as is hereinbefore mentioned, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of postage, according to the scale of weight and number of rates following; that is to say:—

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

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

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

And on every letter so transmitted, 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 upon every letter so transmitted, two additional rates of postage, and every fraction of an ounce above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as an 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 one-half of an ounce in weight.

3. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis, or if any letter shall be posted in the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis, addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage paid thereon, shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such