

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

*West Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Stephen Harlowe Harlowe to be Ensign, vice Gibson, resigned. Dated 29th November, 1864.

George Henley Barber to be Ensign, vice Daniell, promoted. Dated 29th November, 1864.

Thomas Dane to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 29th November, 1864.

*29th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Ensign George Butler to be Lieutenant, vice Stoneham, resigned. Dated 30th November, 1864.

MEMORANDUM.

The 5th Oxfordshire Rifle Volunteer Corps having been struck out of the records of the War Office will henceforth cease to hold any number or designation in the Volunteer Force of the county of Oxford. Dated 7th December, 1864.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, 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 another Act of Parliament, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 85, 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 it is expedient to authorise the transmission by the post between the United Kingdom and the places hereinafter mentioned of certain packets, and for that purpose to make certain regulations in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore-recited Acts of Parliament, and every 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, that is to say:—

1. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise of no intrinsic value, posted in any part of the United Kingdom addressed to any of the places in Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, at which France maintains post offices, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom via France, to any of the places hereinbefore mentioned (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by

French packet-boat) subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform single rate of postage of four pence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows (that is to say);

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one half of a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four rates of postage;

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, taken, and paid six rates of postage;

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of one pound and one half of another pound, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage; and every fractional part of such additional half of a pound in weight shall be charged as an additional half of a pound in weight; and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

2. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several orders, directions regulations and conditions hereinafter contained (that is to say):—

3. No such packet which, in length, or breadth, or depth, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

4. No pattern or sample being of any intrinsic value, or being an article or thing of a saleable nature, or having a value of its own apart from its mere use as a pattern or sample, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

5. There shall be no enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorised by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.

6. There shall be no writing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark, and numbers and prices.

7. All such packets shall be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Nevertheless, samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen or of other material, but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for that purpose.

8. Every packet transmitted by the post under this Warrant, and posted in the United Kingdom, shall be put into the Post Office at such hours in the day, and under all such regulations, as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

9. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in the United Kingdom, shall in every case