

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

South Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

George John Iago to be Ensign. Dated 19th December, 1865.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, and of the City and County of the City of Norwich.

24th Norfolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Robert Summers Baker to be Lieutenant, vice M. J. Shephard, resigned. Dated 23rd December, 1865.

Martin James Shephard to be Ensign, vice J. Shephard, resigned. Dated 23rd December, 1865.

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, chapter 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have from time to time, by divers Warrants in writing under their hands, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, fixed certain rates of postage, and made and established certain regulations, under and subject to which packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, of no intrinsic value, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and certain of Her Majesty's colonies, and it is expedient that certain other regulations should be made, and for that purpose that certain of the said Warrants should be wholly repealed, and that others should be in part repealed in the manner hereinafter mentioned.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 each 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 merchandize posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the colonies or places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule hereunder written, or posted in any of such colonies or

places, addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any of such colonies or places in the manner in such Schedule also mentioned, and that all such respective packets shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions hereinafter mentioned and contained, and that the single rate of postage for such transmission by the post of packets not exceeding four ounces in weight, from the United Kingdom to any of such colonies or places or from any of such colonies or places to the United Kingdom, shall be that which is mentioned and set forth against such colonies or places respectively in the said Schedule, and that all such respective packets so transmitted shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

On every such packet so transmitted, 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 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, taken and paid eight rates of postage;

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of two pounds 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 shall exceed two feet, or in breadth or depth one foot, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

4. No such packet posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the East Indies, New South Wales, or Queensland, or posted in the East Indies, New South Wales, or Queensland, addressed to the United Kingdom, exceeding the weight of three pounds, 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 authorized by this Warrant, sent in, or with any such packet.

6. There shall be no writing or printing upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, or contained therein, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof and a manufacturer's or trade mark, and