Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of the County of York.

3rd North Riding of Yorkshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

- Second Lieutenant George Taylor to be First Lieutenant, vice Barry, resigned. Dated 17th March, 1866.
- 1st Administrative Battalion of the North Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers.
- The Honourable Charles John Shore to be Major, vice Sir George W. Denys, resigned. Dated 17th March, 1866.
- [The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 27th ultimo.]
- Communication signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Chester, and County of the City of Chester.

1st Cheshire Engineer Volunteer Corps.

Samuel Stitt, jun., late Serjeant 2nd Cheshire Rifle Volunteer Corps, to be Second Lieutenant, vice Guinness, resigned. Dated 15th February, 1866.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Session of Parliament, holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, 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 whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act made and passed in the Session of Parliament, holden in the tenth and eléventh years 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 certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament made and passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 27, for amending the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and for providing for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications.

And whereas it is expedient to alter the rates of postage now payable on certain packets transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Sweden and Norway, and to fix certain other rates of postage in lieu thereof, and also to fix certain rates of postage upon certain other packets, and to make certain regulations in relation thereto, in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

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 respectively, and all and every, or some or one 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, declare, and direct as follows; that is to say :--

1. On every packet consisting of a printed British newspaper, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Sweden or Norway, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any place in Sweden or Norway, the said respective packets being conveyed viå Belgium, Germany, and Denmark, there shall be charged, taken, and paid in respect of every such packet addressed to Sweden an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of fourpence, and, in respect of every such packet addressed to Norway, an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of fivepence, and every such respective packet shall be transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto.

2. All packets consisting of printed papers other than British newspapers, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Sweden or Norway, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any place in Sweden or Norway, the said respective packets being conveyed via Belgium, Germany, and Denmark, may be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto, and there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission of every such packet addressed to Sweden an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of fivepence, and for the transmission of every such packet addressed to Norway'an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of sixpence.

3. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the 1st and 2nd clauses of this Warrant, hereinbefore respectively contained, shall, if exceeding the weight of four ounces respectively, be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinalter mentioned, that is to say ; --

- On every such packet so transmitted, if exceeding four ounces in weight and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, two rates of postage;
- And on every such packet, if exceeding one half of a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, 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, 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, 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 in charging any additional rate of postage every fractional part of such additional half of a pound shall be charged as an