

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

2nd Berwickshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Thomas Hood to be Captain, vice Marjoribanks, resigned. Dated 23rd January, 1867.

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

1st Administrative Battalion of Brecknockshire Rifle Volunteers.

Lewis Hughes, Esq., to be Honorary Quartermaster. Dated 22nd January, 1867.

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

13th Shropshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Salusbury Kynaston Mainwaring to be Captain, vice Jebb, resigned. Dated 19th January, 1867.

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 eleventh years 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 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, chapter 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 certain of the rates of postage now payable upon certain newspapers transmitted by the post, and chargeable with postage under the authority of a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 22nd day of September, 1866, and for that purpose to repeal such last-mentioned Warrant.

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 letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to New Zealand or Australia, transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia, via Panama (the sea conveyance being partly by British, and partly by colonial packet boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage (British and Colonial combined) of sixpence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight transmitted by the post from any of Her Majesty's Colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom, to New Zealand or Australia, via Panama (the sea conveyance from the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia being partly by British and partly by Colonial packet boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage (British and Colonial combined) of sixpence for the conveyance of every such letter from any port in the United Kingdom to New Zealand or Australia; and for the conveyance of every such letter from the British colony or foreign country from which the same shall be forwarded to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight posted in any such British colony or foreign country, and transmitted direct from such colony or foreign country to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services there shall be deducted therefrom the sum of one penny, in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

3. All such respective letters so transmitted as is mentioned in the first and second clauses of this Warrant, if exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):—

On every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two rates of postage.

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

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

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding three ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every additional ounce in weight of any letter so transmitted as aforesaid, above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional ounce in weight, above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as an additional ounce in weight, and each progressive and additional rate, chargeable