

War Office, December 1, 1868.

The Secretary of State for War has appointed Edward Waylen, Esq., M.R.C.S., to be Visiting Surgeon at Colchester, under the Contagious Diseases Act, from this day, inclusively.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-six, for the regulation of the duties of postage, certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon 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 eighty-five, 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 in exercise of the powers vested in them in and by the said before-mentioned Acts and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf have from time to time by divers Warrants under their hands authorised and directed that packets consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, or of books, publications or works of literature or art, or of patterns or samples of merchandise, might be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Malta and Gibraltar, and also from Constantinople, Alexandria, Cairo and Suez, to the United Kingdom, at certain rates of postage and under and subject to certain conditions regulations and restrictions in and by the said several Warrants respectively specified and mentioned.

And whereas it is expedient to reduce the postage now chargeable on certain of the several packets transmitted as hereinbefore respectively mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the 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, direct, and declare as follows; that is to say:—

1. That all packets consisting of printed papers (other than newspapers), or of books, publications, or works of literature or art, or of patterns or samples of merchandise not exceeding two ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Malta or Gibraltar, or posted in Constantinople, Alexandria, Cairo, Suez, Malta, or Gibraltar, addressed to the United Kingdom, and respectively transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Malta or Gibraltar, or from Constantinople, Alexandria, Cairo, Suez, Malta, or Gibraltar, to the United Kingdom, under the authority of any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's

Treasury now in force relating thereto, shall, in lieu of being charged with the respective rates of postage payable thereon for such transmission thereof respectively as hereinbefore mentioned under such respective Warrant or Warrants, be charged with the rates of postage following, that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of one penny;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of two pence.

2. All such packets as are mentioned in the first clause of this Warrant shall remain subject in every respect (save as is in such first clause of this Warrant mentioned) to the several orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions now in force and applicable thereto, and the several Warrants hereinbefore referred to, shall (save in so far as the same are respectively altered or affected by this present Warrant) continue in full force and effect.

3. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, duly made at any time hereafter, alter, repeal, revoke, or modify the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof.

4. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the twenty-eighth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

*Henry Whitmore.
Claud J. Hamilton.*

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 106.)—AFRICA—WEST COAST.

Discontinuance of Lights, River Gambia.

INFORMATION has been received that the lights on Barra Point and Cape St. Mary, entrance of the River Gambia, have not been exhibited for some months.

Also, that the buoys in the vicinity of the entrance of the river often break adrift from their moorings; their position, therefore, cannot be depended on.

Mariners are cautioned accordingly.

By command of their Lordships,

Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
23rd November, 1868.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gibraltar Strait to Gambia River, No. 1226; Gambia River to Cape Lopez, No. 594; Cape Verde to Cape Roxo, No. 599; and Gambia River, No. 608; also, African Lights List, No. 18 and 19.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 107.)—FRANCE—NORTH COAST.

Alteration in Position of Plouguerneau Light.

THE French Government has given notice, that from the 15th day of November, 1868, the