

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

North Yorkshire Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant Luke Hall Kirby to be Captain, vice Smith, resigned. Dated 28th January, 1870.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain Edward Walter Greene in the West Suffolk Regiment of Militia. Dated 1st February, 1870.

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACTS, 1866 TO 1869.

IN pursuance of the above-mentioned Acts, it is hereby certified by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State entrusted with the Seals of the War Department, that the Lock Hospital, Maidstone-road, Chatham, has been provided by the said Secretary of State, as a Hospital for the purposes of the said Acts. Dated this 8th day of February, 1870.

By order of the Secretary of State for War,
(Signed) *Northbrook.*

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, 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 and powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for the purpose of facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post.

And whereas, by another Act of Parliament 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, further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the purposes aforesaid, and it was amongst other things provided, that the Postmaster General might with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, require the postage (British, colonial, or foreign) of any letters sent by the post to be prepaid, either in money or stamps (as he might think fit), on the same being put into the Post Office, and he might also with such consent, abolish or restrict the pre-payment in money of postage on letters sent by the post either altogether or on certain letters, and might require the prepayment thereof to be in stamps, and might refuse to receive or send by the post any letters tendered contrary to any regulations made under that enactment. And it was amongst other things enacted, that the term "letter" as also the term "letters" used in that Act should be construed according to the interpretation of the term "letter" contained in the therein recited Act, passed in the eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, by which last-mentioned

Act it was enacted, that the term "letter" should include post letters and packets, newspapers, votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, and votes and proceedings of the Legislatures of any of Her Majesty's colonies or provinces, pamphlets, and other printed papers.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by a certain Warrant, dated the 16th day of October, 1857, and by divers other Warrants made subsequently thereto, fixed certain rates of postage and made certain regulations under and subject to which packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, posted in the United Kingdom might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, and by the said Warrant of the 16th day of October, 1857, the said Commissioners did order and direct that the postage of all such packets should in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by a certain Warrant, dated the 5th day of January, 1870, fixed certain rates of postage, and made certain regulations under and subject to which packets consisting of patterns or samples posted in the United Kingdom might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, and by such Warrant the said Commissioners did order and direct that the postage of all such packets should in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto.

And whereas it is expedient that the Postmaster General should be authorized to allow the prepayment of the postage upon the said respective packets to be made in certain cases in money, in lieu of stamps as required by the hereinbefore recited Warrants.

Now, we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts, or either 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 consent, as follows:—

1. That, notwithstanding anything in the said hereinbefore recited or referred to Warrants contained to the contrary, it shall be lawful for the Postmaster General to permit the postage chargeable upon any of the respective packets hereinbefore mentioned to be prepaid in money, at such Post Office within such hours, and under and subject to all such regulations, conditions, and restrictions as he in his discretion shall from time to time think fit and direct.

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

3. The terms and expressions used in this Warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said firstly hereinbefore recited Act.

4. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, duly made at any time hereafter, to alter, repeal, or revoke the regulations