

4th Volunteer Battalion, the Cheshire Regiment, Lieutenant E. Sumner resigns his Commission. Dated 25th October, 1899.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the East Lancashire Regiment, Captain R. Sharples to be Major. Dated 25th October, 1899.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Royal Sussex Regiment, Vere Powys Druce, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant (Extra Supernumerary). Dated 25th October, 1899.

3rd Volunteer Battalion, the South Staffordshire Regiment, Lieutenant A. T. Molineaux resigns his Commission. Dated 25th October, 1899.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment), Captain R. W. H. Thomas is granted the honorary rank of Major. Dated 25th October, 1899.

3rd Glamorgan, Llewellyn Philip Coward Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 25th October, 1899.

2nd (Angus) Volunteer Battalion, the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), John Davidson Duncan, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 25th October, 1899.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, Surgeon-Lieutenant C. S. A. Rigby, M.B., to be Surgeon-Captain. Dated 25th October, 1899.

3rd Volunteer Battalion, the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), Sydney Herbert Jones, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 25th October, 1899.

5th (West) Middlesex, William Bernard Schloesser, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 25th October, 1899.

3rd London, Gerald Percy Vivian Aylmer, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 25th October, 1899.

6th Volunteer Battalion, the Manchester Regiment, The undermentioned Gentlemen to be Second Lieutenants:—

Edgar Wakelam. Dated 25th October, 1899.

George Whittaker Hardman. Dated 25th October, 1899.

1st (Inverness-shire Highland) Volunteer Battalion, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Major D. Shaw is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 25th October, 1899.

2nd Tower Hamlets, Lieutenant G. F. T. Edwards to be Captain. Dated 25th October, 1899.

ORDER of the Postmaster-General under Section 3, Sub-section (5), of the Telegraph Act, 1899.

WHEREAS it is enacted by section 3, sub-section (5), of the Telegraph Act, 1899, that if the licence of an existing Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") is under the provisions of section 3 of the said Act extended in respect of any exchange area for a period of not less than eight years the Company shall, at the request of any other licensee of the Postmaster-General providing public telephonic communication in the whole or any part of that exchange area (which other licensee is hereinafter referred to as "the new licensee") and

under such circumstances and on such terms and conditions as within six months from the passing of this Act may be prescribed by an order of the Postmaster-General made with the approval of the Treasury, afford all proper facilities for the transmission of telephonic messages between persons using the system of the Company (either in the whole or in part of the exchange area, as the Postmaster-General may prescribe) and persons using the system of such other licensee, provided that the licensee so requiring inter-communication shall in any such case afford similar facilities:

Now, therefore, I, Henry, Duke of Norfolk, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, by virtue of the powers vested in me for that purpose as aforesaid, and of all other powers vested in me in that behalf, do, with the approval of the Treasury, order as follows:—

1. When the subscribers of the new licensee at the date when inter-communication is requested equal or exceed in number one-fourth of those of the Company at that date, in the area specified in the new licence, or number 500, whichever first happens, but not before, mutual inter-communication shall be afforded by the Company and the new licensee between their respective subscribers and other persons using their respective systems in the area specified in the new licence only. Such inter-communication as aforesaid is hereinafter referred to as "restricted inter-communication."

2. In any case in which the Company's exchange area, as defined by agreement with the Postmaster-General, exceeds in extent the area specified in the new licence, then, when the subscribers of the new licensee at the date when inter-communication is requested equal or exceed in number one-fourth of those of the Company throughout the whole exchange area of the Company, at that date, but not before, mutual inter-communication shall be afforded by the Company and the new licensee between their respective subscribers and other persons using their respective systems throughout the whole exchange area of the Company. Such inter-communication as last aforesaid is hereinafter referred to as "unrestricted inter-communication."

3. The fact that restricted inter-communication exists with reference to the system of any new licensee shall not prejudice that licensee in requesting unrestricted inter-communication, and the two kinds of inter-communication may exist side by side on different terms.

4. The Company and the new licensee may make terminal charges not exceeding the following:—

In the case of restricted inter-communication—
Per call.

- (a.) When the subscribers of the new licensee at the date when inter-communication is requested number 500, but are less than one-fourth in number of the Company's subscribers at that date in the area specified in the new licence ... 1½d.
- (b.) When the subscribers of the new licensee equal or exceed in number one-fourth (but do not equal in number one-half) of the Company's subscribers for the time being in the area specified in the new licence ... 1d.
- (c.) When the subscribers of the new licensee equal or exceed in number one-half of the Company's subscribers for the time being in the area specified in the new licence ... Nil.