

when it shall please His Majesty to order that the same be taken into consideration by His Privy Council, shall be published in the London Gazette one month at least before such petition shall be so considered :

And whereas the inhabitant householders and ratepayers of the town and borough of Ashton-under-Lyne, in the county of Lancaster, have presented a petition to Her Majesty in Council, praying that a charter of incorporation may be granted to the said borough ; Her Majesty was this day pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the said petition be taken into consideration, by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on Monday the thirty-first day of May next.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*

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*Foreign-Office, April 23, 1847.*

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. William Carrol, as Consul at the Mauritius for the United States of America.

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*Westminster, April 23, 1847.*

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for raising the sum of eighteen millions three hundred and ten thousand seven hundred pounds, by Exchequer Bills, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

An Act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and for the better payment of the Army and their quarters.

An Act for the regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on shore.

An Act to indemnify such persons in the United Kingdom as have omitted to qualify themselves for offices and employments, and to extend the time limited for those purposes respectively until the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight,

An Act for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually contained in Acts for constructing or regulating markets and fairs.

An Act for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually contained in Acts authorising the making of gas works for supplying towns with gas.

An Act for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually contained in Acts with respect to the constitution and regulation of bodies of commissioners appointed for carrying on undertakings of a public nature.

An Act for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually contained in Acts authorizing the making of waterworks for supplying towns with water.

An Act to regulate the stations of soldiers during Parliamentary elections.

An Act to authorize the application of certain sums received on account of the fees payable to the office of Director in Chancery in Scotland, towards the payment of debts incurred in completing the General Register-House, at Edinburgh.

An Act for incorporating the District Fire Insurance Company of Birmingham, by the name of "The District Fire Insurance Company," for enabling the said Company to sue and be sued, and for other purposes relating to the said Company.

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*Admiralty, 24th April 1847.*

The following promotions have this day taken place, consequent upon the death of Admiral Sir Davidge Gould, G. C. B.

Admiral of the White Thomas Le Marchant Gosselin to be Admiral of the Red.

Admiral of the Blue John Cochet to be Admiral of the White.

Vice Admiral of the Red Hugh Downman to be Admiral of the Blue.

Vice Admiral of the White Henry Hill to be Vice Admiral of the Red.

Vice Admiral of the Blue John Dick to be Vice Admiral of the White.

Rear Admiral of the Red Charles Bayne Hodgson Ross, C. B. to be Vice Admiral of the Blue.

Rear Admiral of the White Hood Hanway Christian to be Rear Admiral of the Red.

Rear Admiral of the Blue Hyde Parker, C. B. to be Rear Admiral of the White.

Captain Henry Prescott, C. B. to be Rear Admiral of the Blue.

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*Admiralty, 20th April 1847.*

*Corps of Royal Marines.*

First Lieutenant William Friend Hopkins to be Captain, vice Brevet Major Frederick Spry, retired on half-pay.

Second Lieutenant Charles Slaughter to be First Lieutenant, vice Hopkins, promoted.