

order that the same be taken into consideration by the Privy Council shall be published in the London Gazette, and in one of the newspapers usually circulating in such borough, one month at least before such petition is so considered ;

And whereas the Town Council of the borough of New WINDSOR, have presented a petition to Her Majesty in Council stating that an Order in Council has been issued for closing all the burial-grounds within the said borough, and that there is difficulty and inconvenience in providing, under the powers of the second above mentioned Act, passed in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, requisite places of burial for the inhabitants of those portions of the parishes of New Windsor and Clewer, which are within the said borough of New Windsor, and praying that powers may be vested in the said Town Council for providing requisite places of burial for the inhabitants of the said portions of the said parishes, under the above first-recited Act ;

And whereas notice of such petition and of the time when Her Majesty was pleased to order that the same be taken into consideration by Her Privy Council, has been duly published as required by the above said first-recited Act ;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered that powers be vested in the Town Council of the borough of New WINDSOR, for providing requisite places of burial for the inhabitants of those portions of the parishes of New Windsor and Clewer, which are within the said borough of New Windsor, under the provisions of the said Act passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to make further provision for the burial of the dead in England beyond the limits of the metropolis."

C. C. Greville.

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace,
March 31, 1855.*

Her Majesty having been graciously pleased to deliver the custody of the seals of the duchy and county palatine of Lancaster to the Right Honourable Dudley, Earl of Harrowby, the oath of Chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster was this day, by Her Majesty's command, administered to him accordingly.

Crown Office, April 2, 1855.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

City of Gloucester.

William Philip Price, Esq.

NOTICE TO MASTERS OF VESSELS TRADING TO
RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 3, 1855.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Rio Grande do Sul, notifying that British Shipmasters visiting that port have been in the habit of calculating the Brazilian "Palmo" as equivalent to nine inches British, and to signal the draught of water of their vessels (which is notified in Palmos) according to this estimate.

This custom, although sanctioned by the Sailing Directions with which Shipmasters are usually furnished for their guidance, is stated to have led to many mischiefs and inconveniences.

Her Majesty's Consul at Rio Grande do Sul has therefore officially ascertained from the Captain of that port that the exact equivalent of the Brazilian Palmo, as used there, is eight and three-quarters inches, British measure.

British Shipmasters trading with the port of Rio Grande do Sul are accordingly warned, that when hoisting the signals of the draught of water of their vessels, in order to enter or leave that port, they should signal the exact draught of water calculating the Brazilian Palmo at no more than eight and three-quarters inches British ; as by doing otherwise they hoist signals of less draught of water than their vessels require, thus increasing the risk of their vessels being injured or lost upon the Bar, and giving to the authorities at the Bar the opportunity of attributing to the fault of the Masters the casualties which occur. Shipmasters also render themselves liable to a heavy fine for signalling incorrectly.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 3, 1855.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Rio de Janeiro, inclosing the translation of a Circular Note issued by the Brazilian Minister for Foreign Affairs respecting the practice by Masters of British vessels of attempting to cross the bar at Rio Grande do Sul, without waiting for the proper signal for entrance ; copy of which translation is subjoined.

(Copy.)

(Translation, Circular.)

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rio de Janeiro, January 18, 1855.*

It having come to the knowledge of the Imperial Government that some captains of foreign vessels commit the error of imprudently attempting to cross the bar of the province of San Pedro do Rio Grande do Sul, without the signal for entrance having been made by the respective Harbour Master, wherefrom disasters have frequently resulted, I consider it my duty, in the interest of national and foreign commerce, to call the attention of Mr. H. F. Howard, &c., to this subject, hoping that he will on his part intervene, in order that the captains of the merchant ships of his nation, who seek the said bar, may comply with the established practice, and avoid committing an error which may be equally prejudicial to the captains themselves and to commerce in general.

I avail myself, &c.,

(Signed) VISCONDE DE ABAITE.

Office of Ordnance, 2nd April, 1855.

Corps of Royal Engineers.

Second Captain Douglas Galton, on the Seconded List, to be Captain.

Second Captain Henry William Barlow to be Captain, vice Craigie, killed before Sebastopol.