

Home Department for presentation, was presented accordingly to Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble and dutiful Address of the Commissioners of Supply of the county of Ayr, assembled at their Annual County Meeting, at Ayr, the 30th of April, 1857.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commissioners of Supply of the county of Ayr, gladly seize the opportunity of our annual meeting to approach the foot of the Throne with the renewed expression of our devoted attachment to your Majesty's person and Government.

In common with all your Majesty's subjects we hail with joy the birth of a Princess; and we unite in gratitude to Almighty God for your Majesty's safety, and hasten to present our dutiful congratulations to your Majesty and your August Consort on so auspicious an occasion.

Participating in every event which tends to increase your Majesty's domestic happiness and the stability of the Throne, it is our earnest hope and prayer that your Majesty's convalescence may be speedy and complete, and that the life of the Infant Princess may be preserved to be a blessing to your Majesty, and an additional ornament to her Illustrious House.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and by our appointment, by our Convener.

*W. W. Hamilton, Convener.*

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *May*, 1857,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable John Evelyn Denison, the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Right Honourable Sir John McNeill, G.C.B., and the Right Honourable Frederick Peel, were, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took their respective places at the Board accordingly.

Her Majesty in Council, upon a representation of the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, was this day pleased to appoint David Middleton, Esq., A.M., to be one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools in Scotland; and David Munn, Esq., Mathematical Master in the Dumfries Academy, to be one of Her Majesty's Assistant Inspectors of Schools in Scotland.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *May*, 1857.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the "Foreign Deserters' Act, 1852," it is provided, that whenever it is made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities are or will be given for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant ships in the territories of any foreign power, Her Majesty may by Order in Council, stating that

such facilities are or will be given, declare that seamen, not being slaves, who desert from merchant ships belonging to a subject of such power, when within Her Majesty's dominions or the territories of the East India Company, shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships, and may limit the operation of such Order, and may render the operation thereof subject to such conditions and qualifications, if any, as may be deemed expedient.

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities will be given for recovering and apprehending seamen (not being Moorish subjects), who desert from British merchant ships in the territories belonging to the Sultan of Morocco and Fez.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in Her by the said "Foreign Deserters' Act, 1852," and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that from and after the publication hereof in the London Gazette, seamen, not being slaves, and not being British subjects, who desert from merchant ships belonging to subjects of the Sultan of Morocco and Fez within Her Majesty's dominions, or the territories of the East India Company, shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships.

Provided always, that if any such deserter has committed any crime in Her Majesty's dominions, or the territories of the East India Company, he may be detained until he has been tried by a competent Court, and until his sentence (if any) has been fully carried into effect.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Commissioners for the affairs of India are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 6th day of *May*, 1857,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the "Passengers Act, 1855," it is amongst other things enacted, that before any Passenger Ship shall be cleared out, the Emigration Officer at the port of clearance shall satisfy himself that there is on board a sufficient quantity of pure water, carried in tanks or casks, to secure, throughout the intended voyage, the issue of three quarts daily to each statute adult for the use of the passengers, exclusive of the quantity required for cooking; and whereas it is also enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Order in Council, to prescribe such rules and regulations as to Her Majesty may seem fit, for permitting the use on board of Passenger Ships of an apparatus for distilling water, and for defining, in such case, the quantity of fresh water to be carried in tanks or casks for the passengers.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty doth by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and in pursuance and in exercise of the authority vested in Her by the said "Passengers Act, 1855," hereby order as follows:

Any "Passenger Ship" propelled wholly by steam engines of not less power than is sufficient, without the aid of sails, to propel the ship at the rate of five statute miles an hour, may be cleared