The Queen has also been pleased to direct letters ratent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting to the Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone the offices of Chancellor, and Under-Treasurer, of Her Majesty's Exchequer.

The Queen has also been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, appointing George William Frederick, Marquess of Ailesbury, Master of the Horse to Her Majesty.

The Queen has also been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the office and place of Advocate-General, or Judge-Marshal, of Her Majesty's Forces, to the Right Honourable Thomas Emerson Headlam.

The Queen has also been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, appointing the Right Honourable Thomas Milner Gibson to be Poor Law Commissioner for England.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Robert Lowe to be Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education.

The Queen has also been pleased to grant the office of Her Majesty's Advocate for Scotland to James Moncreiff, Esq., Dean of the Faculty of Advocates.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, June 22, 1859.

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 Sir George Grey, Bart., G.C.B., the oath of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was this day, by Her Majesty's command, administered to him accordingly.

Master of the Horse's Office, June 18, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable John George Brabazon, Earl of Bessborough, to be Master of Her Majesty's Buckhounds in the room of the Right Honourable John William, Earl of Sandwich, resigned.

Downing-Street, June, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Henry Allen Johnson, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of Prince Edward Island; William Thomas Mercer, Esq., to be a Member of the Executive Council of Hong Kong; John Lambrick Vivian, Esq., to be Superintendent of Police for the Island of Saint Christopher; and the Reverend J. H. Pemberton to be a Member of the Council of the Island of Nevis.

Foreign-Office, June 23, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Henry Hamer Gideon as Consul at St. Helena for His Majesty the King of Denmark.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. A. Marion as Vice-Consul at Bathurst for His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

Whitehall, June 17, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Edmund-Henry Lyon, of Vaenor-park, in the county of Montgomery, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace, and a Deputy-Lieutenant for the said county, son of Joseph Lyon, late of Neston, in the county palatine of Chester, Esquire, by Elizabeth, his wife, sister of John Winder, late of Vaenor-park aforesaid, Esquire, and brother of John Winder Lyon-Winder (formerly John Winder Lyon) late of Vaenor-park aforesaid, Esquire, all deceased, Her royal licence and authority that he may take and henceforth use the surname of Winder, in addition to, and after that of Lyon, and bear the arms of Winder quarterly with those of Lyon; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Herald's Office, otherwise the said royal licence and permission to be void and of

And also to command that the said royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

Whitehall, June 18, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Margaret Cuninghame Smythe, Viscountess Dowager Strangford, widow and relict of George Augustus Frederick Percy Sydney Smythe, Viscount Strangford, and eldest daughter and co-heir of John Lennox Kincaid-Lennox, late of Woodhead and Kincaid, in the county of Stirling, Esquire, both deceased, Her royal licence and authority that she may, in compliance with directions contained in certain deeds of dispositions, entail, and settlement, bearing date, respectively, the 1st day of August, 1828, and the 2nd day of March, 1849, re-assume and use her paternal surnames of Kincaid-Lennox, in lieu and instead of that of Smythe, and bear the designations of Woodhead and Kincaid:

And also to command that the said royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise to be void and of none effect.

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Board of Trade, Whitehall, June 23, 1859.

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 Ambassador at Paris, enclosing copy of a French Imperial Decree opening the Ports of Bordeaux, Nantes, Granville, Saint Malo, Dieppe, Boulogne, Calais and Dunkirk, for the importation of books printed in England.