Whitehall, May 1, 1866.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal granting the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto the following Noblemen, and the heirs male of their respective bodies lawfully begotton; viz.:—

James, Earl of Caithness, in that part of the said United Kingdom called Scotland, by the name, style, and title of Baron Barrogill, of Barrogill Castle, in the county of Caithness.

Thomas, Baron Clermont, in that part of the said United Kingdom called Ireland, by the name, style, and title of Baron Clermont, of Clermont Park, in the county of Louth.

William Meredyth, Baron Athlumney, in that part of the said United Kingdom called Ireland, by the name, style, and title of Baron Meredyth, of Dollardstown, in the county of Meath.

Foreign Office, April 28, 1866.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. W. Martin Jones as Consul at Clifton, Canada, for the United States of America.

Westminster, April 30, 1866.

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, 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 facilitating the public exhibition of Works of Art in certain exhibitions.

An Act to regulate the inspection of Cattle Sheds, Cowhouses, and Byres within Burghs and

populous places in Scotland.

An Act to indemnify William Forsyth, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Counsel, from any penal consequences which he may have incurred by sitting or voting as a Member of the House of Commons while holding the office of Standing Counsel to the Secretary of State in Council of India.

An Act to amend the law relating to Parliamentary Oaths.

An Act to make provision for the transfer of the assets, liabilities, and management of the Bengal, Madras, and Bombay Military Funds, the Bengal Military Orphan Society, and other Funds, to the Secretary of State for India in Council.

An Act for the establishment and regulation of a market near Columbia-square, in the parish of Saint Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the county of Middlesex; and the opening of a new street and the improvement of streets adjoining or near to the market place; and for other purposes.

An Act to extend the time for the completion of the Central Wales Extension Railway, and for other purposes.

An Act to incorporate the Banbury Gas Light and Coke Company (Limited), and to make further provision for lighting Banbury and places in the neighbourhood thereof, in the counties of Oxford and Northampton, with gas.

An Act for the amalgamation of the Kidwelly and Burry Port Railway Company and the Burry Port Company, and for other purposes.

An Act for repairing the road from the Gateshead and Hexham Turnpike-road at or near to Axwell Park Gate, on the River Derwent, in the township of Winlaton, in the parish of Ryton, in the county of Durham, in the village of Shotley Bridge, in the said county of Durham.

An Act for extending the limits within which the West Middlesex Waterworks Company may supply water, and for other purposes.

> Board of Trade, Whitehall, April 30, 1866.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a Notification (of which a copy is subjoined), published in the French "Moniteur," relative to the adoption by France of the Commercial Code of Signals for the use of all nations:

Ministry of Marine and Colonies.

On and after the 1st of May, 1866, ships of the Imperial Navy, and Semaphores on the coast of France, will be furnished with the Commercial Code of Signals for the use of ships of all nations; and they will communicate exclusively by the signals of that Code with Merchant ships of France and with foreign ships.

(Signed) P. de CHASSELOUP-LAUBAT. Paris, March 22, 1866.

War Office, Pall Mall, 1st May, 1866.

94th Regiment of Foot.

Major-General Edward W. Forestier Walker, C.B., to be Colonel, vice General George Powell Higginson, deceased. Dated 20th April, 1866.

4th-West India Regiment.

Lieutenant-General George Thomas Colomb to be Colonel, vice Lieutenant-General John Julius William Angerstein, deceased. Dated 24th April, 1866.

1st Regiment of Life Guards, Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant Alfred Charles Duncombe to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Henry John Robert Osborn, who retires. Dated 1st May, 1866.

Arthur Wills Blundell Trumbull Sandys Roden, Earl of Hillsborough, to be Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Duncombe. Dated 1st May, 1866.