

enjoyment of all its just rights and privileges. We earnestly trust that, under the guidance and blessing of our great King and Head, the proceedings on which we are about to enter shall be conducted in a spirit of prudence and charity, and so as in no respect to forfeit the confidence which your Majesty has kindly been pleased to repose in our loyalty and attachment, and it is our fervent supplication at the Throne of Grace that in all our deliberations we may be so directed as to be instrumental in furthering the interests of true religion, the well-being and efficiency of the Church of Scotland, and the highest good of the whole community.

Your Majesty's Royal Warrant for two thousand pounds, to be applied in promoting the religious instruction of the Highlands and Islands, has been most gratefully received, and it shall be our anxious endeavour to carry out thereby the beneficent object for which it has been granted.

We hail with grateful satisfaction the appointment of the Right Honourable the Earl of Stair, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, as your Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in this Assembly, a nobleman possessing many hereditary and personal claims on our esteem, and who, as an Elder in our National Church, and a friend of her interests and just rights, commands our very special regard.

That the Supreme Governor among the Nations, the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, may vouchsafe to your Majesty the choicest gifts of His providence, and the inestimable riches of His grace; that He may abundantly bless their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and all the several Members of the Royal Family; that your Majesty may be blessed in your children and your children's children; and that, after a long and prosperous reign, the Almighty may confer upon your Majesty a Crown of unfading glory is the very earnest prayer of,

May it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, most loyal, and obedient subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland met in General Assembly.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment by

*N. Macleod, D.D., Moderator.*

Edinburgh, 24th May, 1869.

*Balmoral, May 29, 1869.*

**T**HE Queen, as Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, hath been graciously pleased, by Letters Patent under Her Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of the Order, bearing date this day, to dispense with all the statutes and regulations usually observed in regard to Installation, and to grant unto His Royal Highness Prince Leopold George Duncan Albert, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Coburg and Gotha, Knight of the said Most Noble Order, and duly invested with the Ensigns thereof, full power and authority to exercise all rights and privileges belonging to a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, in as full and ample a manner as if His Royal Highness had been formally installed; any decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Foreign Office, May 12, 1869.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Edmund John Monson to be Her Majesty's Consul in the Azores or Western Islands.

*Foreign Office, May 29, 1869.*

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. William Thomson as Consul at Southampton for the United States of America.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Don Jaime Spotorno as Consul at Gibraltar for the Republic of Salvador.

*Downing Street, May 31, 1869.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Henry Turner Irving, Esq., to be Colonial Secretary for the Island of Ceylon; Edward Everard Rushworth, Esq., D.C.L., to be Colonial Secretary for the Island of Jamaica; and George William Des Vœux, Esq., to be Colonial Secretary for the Island of St. Lucia.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Samuel Jackman Prescod, Esq., to be one of the Judges of the Assistant Court of Appeal of the Island of Barbados.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
May 31, 1869.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a Despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Guatemala, enclosing a Decree issued by the Government of that Republic, and bearing date 27th March last, which fixes the value of foreign gold and silver coins within that country.

The following are the Articles of the Decree:—

ART. I. That the gold and silver coins included in the following Tariff shall be received at the Treasury and Public Offices, at the prices and value expressed in the same Tariff.

*Tariff.*

The Gold coins circulating in the Republic shall have the following values—

Coins.	\$	rls.
United States 50 dollar piece ... ..	50	0
„ double eagle ... ..	20	0
„ eagle ... ..	10	0
„ half eagle ... ..	5	0
„ quarter eagle ... ..	2	4
„ dollar ... ..	1	0
Chilian condor of 10 dollars ... ..	9	2
New Granadian condor... ..	9	7
English sovereign (£ sterling) ... ..	5	0
„ half sovereign ... ..	2	4
Twenty franc piece ... ..	3	7
Ten franc piece... ..	1	7½
Forty franc Piedmontese piece... ..	7	6
Ten guilders piece (German) ... ..	3	7
Spanish doubloons of 100 rials (vellon) ... ..	5	0
Peruvian 20 sol piece ... ..	19	6