

additional impost such articles of food as, in their judgment, they shall consider ought to be exempted.

(C. 725.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
June 3, 1869.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, an extract from the "Journal Officiel," containing a Decree of the French Government relative to the suppression of Differential Dues in French Guiana.

The following are the Articles of this Decree which bears date 19th May last :—

ART. 1. The differential duties established by Art. 2 of the Decree of the 24th December, 1864, upon merchandize imported into French Guiana by foreign vessels, are hereby suppressed.

ART. 2. The Minister of Marine and of the Colonies is charged with the execution of the present Decree, which shall be inserted in the *Bulletin des Lois* and in the *Bulletin Officiel de la Marine*.

(C. 726.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall
June 3, 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 copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General at Lima, inclosing an extract from the "El Nacional," of the 26th April last, with reference to a request that had been preferred by the Guano Consignees in Great Britain, with reference to some of the clauses of the Contract relative to the last loan which had been made by the Peruvian Government.

The following is the translation of the Extract in question :—

"The Consignees of Guano in Great Britain solicited the Government to explain the meaning of some of the clauses of the Contract relating to the last loan which they had made, and in conformity with this request it has been declared that the Standard Exchange is forty-four and a half-pence, and that when the term of the Consignation (Agreement) has expired the Government shall be able to choose between paying in money the necessary sum for the service of the Anglo-Prussian debt, or leaving to the Consignees the exclusive sale of the Guano, for the purpose of applying its product towards that object."

(C. 732.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
June 3, 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 copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires of Guatemala, enclosing a Decree of the Government of Honduras, bearing date 8th March last, which gives notice that at the expiration of three months from that date the port of Coxim Hall or Port Medina, in the island of Rhuatau, will cease to be a free port, and will revert to the position it held as arranged by the Decree of 21st November, 1861.

Admiralty, 3rd June, 1869.

NEW ZEALAND MEDAL.

Her Majesty having been graciously pleased to extend to the Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Marines employed in the operations in New Zealand during the years 1845-6-7, and the years 1860-1-2-3-4-5-6, the Medal which has been awarded to the Army; Officers and Men are invited to send in their claims to the Accountant-General of the Navy (under cover to the Secretary of the Admiralty), stating their names in full,—their rank or rating,—the name of the ship in which borne,—the service for which the Medal is claimed,—and the date, with any other particulars.

The Medal will only be granted to the survivors who formed part of the Naval Brigade on shore, or who were borne on the books of Her Majesty's ships and vessels and took actual part in the operations against the enemy.

By command of their Lordships,

W. G. Romaine.

Admiralty, 1st June, 1869.

The following Flag Promotions, to date from the 26th instant, have this day been made, in consequence of the death of Admiral Sir Charles Fremantle :—

Active List.

Vice-Admiral Sir George Rodney Mundy, K.C.B., to be Admiral.
Rear-Admiral Hastings Reginald Yelverton, C.B., to be Vice-Admiral.
Captain Edward Augustus Inglefield to be Rear-Admiral.

Reserved List.

Rear-Admiral Andrew Drew to be Vice-Admiral.
Rear-Admiral James Vashon Baker to be Vice-Admiral.

The undermentioned Officers have this day been promoted to the rank stated against their names :—

Commanders :

Henry Wandesford Comber,
Edward Field,
Richard Carter,
George Lydiard Sullivan,
Morgan Singer,
John D'Arcy,
Henry McClintock Alexander, and
William Codrington,
to be Captains in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Lieutenants :

Henry Compton Best,
Clayton Mitchell,
Hilary Mansell Carré,
John Edward Stokes, and
Sir Francis Blackwood, Bart.,
to be Commanders in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Lieutenant Thornhaugh Philip Gurdon to be specially promoted to the rank of Commander for his gallantry and conduct.

The undermentioned Sub-Lieutenants and Acting Sub-Lieutenants have been promoted to be Lieutenants and Acting Lieutenants, with seniority from 1st June, 1869 :—

Frederick Otto Powell.
Matthew William Abbott.
Albemarle Percy Watson.
Arthur Herbert Bolero.
Edward Ambrose Holbeck.