London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said diocess of Ripon.

C. L. Peel.

Privy Council Office, April 2, 1878.

DOTICE is hereby given, that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council from the Town Council of the borough of Leominster, praying that Her Majesty in Council, under the Act 22 Vict., cap. 35, will be pleased to fix the number of wards into which the said borough shall be divided. And notice is hereby further given, that Her Majesty has been pleased, by Her Order in Council of this day's date, to order that the said Petition be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on Thursday, the ninth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

Foreign Office, March 18, 1878.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint James Reginald Graham, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Islay, to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Republic of Nicaragua, to reside at Grey Town.

Foreign Office, March 30, 1878.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Louis Bols as Consul-General at Quebec, with jurisdiction over Canada, for His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Niboyet as Consul at Newcastle, of Mr. Ballieu as Consul at Sydney, and of Mr. Fauconnet as Consul at Melbourne for the French Republic.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Baron Charles Horace de Caila as Consul at St. Louis for His Imperial Majesty the Sultan.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. W. Wyley Lord as Vice-Consul at Birmingham for the Republic of Chile.

Crown Office, April 5, 1878.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Belfust.

William Ewart, Esq., of Glenmachan Monse, in the county of Down, in the place of William Johnston, Esq., who has accepted the office of an Inspector of Fisheries in Ireland. Admiralty, 3rd April, 1878.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870—

Staff Captain David Nairne Welch has been placed on the Retired List from the 1st instant, with permission to assume the rank and title of Retired Captain from the same date.

Admiralty, 4th April, 1878.

The following promotions have been made:-

Commanders:

Charles Barstow Theobald, Henry St. Leger Bury Palliser, Uvedale Corbet Singleton, Ernest Rice, Frederick Samuel Vander-Meulen, Hilary Gustavus Andoe,

to be Captains in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority from the 25th March, 1873.

Lieutenants:
Edwin Hotham,
John Hope,
Robert Watts Davics,
Alfred Thomas Bagge,
Edward Hicks,
Swinton Colthurst Holland,
Alan Brodrick Thomas,
Herbert Ward Dowding,

to be Commanders in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority from the 25th March, 1878.

Lieutenant Reginald Neville Custance to be Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority from the 31st March, 1878.

The undermentioned Navigating Lieutenants have been transferred to the list of Lieutenants in Her Majesty's Fleet:—

John William Brown, with seniority from the 10th August, 1877.

Richard Harriman Wellings, with seniority from the 19th November, 1877.

Naval Instructor the Reverend Nisbett Baggallay Lodge has been appointed a Chaplain in Her-Majesty's Fleet, with seniority from the 2nd: instant.

> War Office, Pall Mall, 5th April, 1878.

STAFF.

Intelligence Branch, Major-General Sir Archibaki Alison, Bart., K.C.B., from Commandant of the Staff College, to be Deputy Quartermaster-General at Head Quarters, vice Lieutenant-General Sir Patrick Leonard McDougall, K.C.M.G., whose period of Service in that appointment is about to expire. Dated 1st May, 1878.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Durham.

Charles Mark Palmer, Esq., M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 12th March, 1878.