

thence by this lane to the before-mentioned quickwood fence near the Railway Bridge.

*Yorkshire (West Riding).*—(1.) The whole of the Rotherham District of the Upper Strathford and Tickhill petty sessional division in the West Riding of the county of York.

(2.) The townships of Baildon, Carlton, Esholt, Guiseley, Hawksworth, Menston, and Yendon, in the petty sessional division of Otley in the West Riding of the county of York.

Agricultural Department, Privy Council Office,  
11th December, 1883.

*Downing Street, December 10, 1883.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to direct Supplementary Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal granting and declaring that the Degrees of Bachelor and Doctor in Science, granted or conferred by the University of New Zealand, shall be recognized as Academic Distinctions and rewards of merit, and be entitled to rank, precedence, and consideration in the United Kingdom and in the Colonies and Possessions of the Crown throughout the world as fully as if the said Degrees had been granted by any University of the said United Kingdom.

BY virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King George III, intituled "An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty, as authorizes the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out writs for the election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein mentioned, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes;" and of an Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to further limit and define the time for proceeding to Election during the Recess."

I do hereby give notice, that the death of Thomas Knowles, Esq., late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the borough of Wigan, hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two Members serving in this present Parliament; and that I shall issue my Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said borough at the end of six days after the insertion of this notice in the London Gazette.

Given under my hand this ninth day of December, 1883.

H. BRAND, Speaker.

*Whitehall, December 1, 1883.*

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto Richard Taylor Nelson Howey, of Beadnell House, in the county of Northumberland, Gentleman, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will and testament of his paternal aunt, Sarah Scott Taylor, of Beadnell House aforesaid, relict of Richard Taylor, late of the same place, Gentleman, deceased, take and use the surname of Taylor in addition to and after that of Howey:

And 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.

(C. 3940.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,  
December 10, 1883.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at St. Petersburg stating that the importation of opium, hashish, and rukuar into Turkestan has been prohibited.

*Admiralty, 10th December, 1883.*

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 30th April, 1877—Engineer Nicholas Hocking Rome has this day been placed on the Retired List of his rank.

*War Office, Pall Mall,*

*11th December, 1883.*

*5th Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant M. V. E. Sankey, from the Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment), to be Lieutenant, vice W. J. Mackeson, promoted. Dated 12th December, 1883.*

*7th Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Campbell, C.B., retires on half-pay. Dated 12th December, 1883.*

*2nd Dragoons, Riding-Master Robert Speirs, from half-pay, to be Riding-Master, vice C. W. Neal, retired. Dated 12th December, 1883.*

*10th Hussars, Supernumerary Lieutenant Lord Alwyne F. Compton to be Lieutenant, vice C. M. Grenfell, seconded. Dated 28th November, 1883.*

*Royal Artillery, Major Stewart Murray retire<sup>d</sup> upon retired pay. Dated 12th December 1883.*

*Captain Francis Barry Domville to be Major, vice G. A. French, C.M.G., placed upon the Seconded List, on appointment as Commandant of the Colonial Forces in Queensland. Dated 16th November, 1883.*

*Captain Lambart Henry Bouwens to be Major, vice Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel H. P. Darwall, retired. Dated 16th November, 1883.*

*Captain William Brooke Hoggan, from the Seconded List, to be Captain, vice E. A. Smith, seconded for service with the Punjab Frontier Force. Dated 1st December, 1883.*

*Lieutenant David Fitzgerald Downing to be Captain, vice F. B. Domville, promoted. Dated 16th November, 1883.*

*Lieutenant George Robert Townshend to be Captain, vice L. H. Bouwens, promoted. Dated 16th November, 1883.*

*Lieutenant Richard Tylden to be Lieutenant upon the Seconded List, on appointment as an Adjutant of Auxiliary Artillery. Dated 1st December, 1883.*

In consequence of Major G. A. French, C.M.G., being seconded from 1st September, 1883, the dates of promotion and absorption from the Seconded List of the undermentioned Officers are altered as stated against their names:—

*Major G. C. Wynne. Dated 1st September, 1883.*  
*Major P. F. M. Baddeley. Dated 2nd September, 1883.*

*Major H. H. Hardinge (from the Seconded List). 6th October, 1883.*

*Major E. T. Browell. Dated 16th October, 1883.*  
*Major R. H. W. Plunkett. Dated 4th November, 1883.*

*Captain J. R. H. Allen. Dated 1st September, 1883.*

*Captain J. W. Stirling. Dated 2nd September, 1883.*