

WHITEHALL, January 12, 1855.

The Right Honourable Sir John Jervis, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed John Houchen, the younger, of Thetford, in the County of Norfolk, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the County of Norfolk.

COUNCIL OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, February 9, 1855.

Her Majesty has been pleased, by Her Order in Council of the 8th February 1855, to grant to George Lowe, of Finsbury Circus, in the City of London, a prolongation for the term of five years of certain letters-patent for "improved methods of supplying gas under certain circumstances, and of improving its purity and illuminating powers;" such letters-patent having been originally granted to the said George Lowe, and bearing date the 16th March 1841, for England, Wales, and the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed.

COUNCIL OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, February 9, 1855.

Her Majesty has been pleased, by Her Order in Council of the 8th February 1855, to grant to Edward Foard, of 39, Nicholas Street, Hoxton, in the county of Middlesex, a prolongation for the term of six years of certain letters-patent for "an improved method or improved methods of supplying fuel to fire-places or grates of steam-engine boilers, brewers' coppers, and other furnaces, as well as also to the fire-places employed in domestic purposes, and generally to the supplying of fuel to furnaces or fire-places in such a manner as to consume the smoke generally produced in such furnaces or fire-places," such letters-patent having been originally granted to the said Edward Foard, and bearing date the 16th January 1841, for England, Wales, and the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed; the 16th July 1841, for Scotland; and the 19th August 1841, for Ireland.

WHITEHALL, February 10, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal, constituting and appointing the Right Honourable Henry John Viscount Palmerston, G. C. B.; the Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone; Alfred Hervey, Esq. (commonly called Lord Alfred Hervey); Francis Wemyss Charteris, Esq. (commonly called Lord Elcho); and Chichester Samuel Fortescue, Esq. to be Commissioners for executing the Offices of Treasurer of the Exchequer of Great Britain, and Lord High Treasurer of Ireland.

WHITEHALL, February 10, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William Henry Snell, Esq. to be Adjutant, with the rank of Captain, of the Artillery Company of London.

WHITEHALL, February 13, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to nominate the Reverend Henry Mullins Sandham, M. A., to Saint John's Wood Chapel, in the parish of Saint Mary-le-lone, in the county of Middlesex, and diocese of London, void by the death of the Reverend Thomas Wharton.

The Queen has also been pleased to present the Honourable and Reverend Arthur Gascoyne Douglas to the Rectory of Saint Olave's, in the borough of Southwark, in the county of Surrey, and diocese of Winchester, void by the death of the Reverend Arthur Henry Kenny, D.D.

CROWN-OFFICE, February 12, 1855.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of New Radnor.

Sir George Cornwall Lewis, Bart., in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Frankland Lewis, Bart., deceased.

February 13th.

Borough of Tiverton.

Henry John Viscount Palmerston, First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury.

WAR-OFFICE, February 13, 1855.

5th Regiment of Dragoon Guards—Lieutenant G. S. Burnand to be Captain, without purchase, vice Campbell, deceased. Dated 24th December 1854.

Cornet T. L. Hampton to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Burnand. Dated 24th December 1854.

Cornet H. E. FitzGerald to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Hampton, whose promotion, on the 29th December 1854, has been cancelled. Dated 29th December 1854.

Cornet Sir Edward Syngé Hutchinson, Bart. to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice M'Neile, who retires. Dated 13th February 1855.

William F. Richards, gent. to be Cornet, without purchase. Dated 13th February 1855.

7th Dragoon Guards—Captain Charles Alexander Halfhide, from half-pay Unattached, to be Captain, vice Brevet-Major Clifton, who exchanges. Dated 13th February 1855.

Lieutenant James W. Balfour to be Captain, by purchase, vice Halfhide, who retires. Dated 13th February 1855.

Cornet P. Withington to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Balfour. Dated 13th February 1855.

3d Dragoons—Horace Montagu, gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice North, promoted in the 6th Dragoons. Dated 13th February 1855.

8th Light Dragoons—Cornet Horace Montagu, from the 3d Light Dragoons, to be Cornet, without purchase. Dated 13th February 1855.

15th Light Dragoons—Robert Leslie Parker, gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Maude, promoted. Dated 13th February 1855.

1st or Grenadier Regiment of Foot Guards—Ensign Douglas Loftus, from the 3d West York Militia, to be Ensign and Lieutenant, without purchase. Dated 13th February 1855.