6th May, 1855.

49TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

2678 Serjeant James Robinson 2857 Private Patrick Bannon

> J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT, Adjutant-General.

NOTIFICATION.

Foreign Office, May 16, 1855.

It is hereby notified that the Right Honourable the Earl of Clarendon, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty an official communication from Rear-Admiral the Honourable R. S. Dundas, commanding Her Majesty's ships in the Baltic, and acting in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty and of Her Ally, His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of the French, announcing the establishment, on and from the 28th of April last, of a strict blockade of the Russian ports and places therein mentioned, by an effective force; which communication is to the following effect:—

"By the Honourable Richard Saunders Dundas, "C.B., Rear-Admiral of the Blue, and Com-"mander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's ships and "vessels employed, and to be employed, on a "particular service.

"It is hereby notified that on the 28th day of "April last, the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, "from Hango Head, in lat. 59° 46' N., long. 22° 58' E., to the Dagerort Lighthouse, in lat. "58° 55' N., long. 22° 12' E., and that all "Russian ports, roads, havens, and creeks, from "the Dagerort to the Filsand Lighthouse, in lat. "58° 25' N., long. 21° 50' E., were placed in a "state of strict Blockade by a competent force of "Her Majesty's ships. And it is hereby further "notified that all measures authorised by the Laws of Nations, and the respective Treaties between "Her Majesty and the different neutral Powers, "will be adopted and executed on behalf of Her Majesty and Her Ally, His Majesty the Emperor of the French, with respect to all vessels which "may attempt to violate the said Blockade.

"Given on board Her Majesty's ship "Duke of Wellington, at sea, in the "Femern Belt, this 3d day of May "1855.

(Signed) "R. S. DUNDAS."

And it is hereby further notified, that all measures authorised by the Laws of Nations, and the respective Treaties between Her Majesty and Her Allies, and the different neutral Powers, will be adopted and executed on behalf of Her Majesty and Her Ally, His Majesty the Emperor of the French, with respect to all vessels which may attempt to violate the said Blockade.

DUBLIN CASTLE, May 17, 1855.

Her Majesty's Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of Ireland, granting the dignity of Baron of this part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to Edmond Burke Roche, of Trabolgan, in the County of Cork, Esquire, and the heirsmale of his body lawfully begotton, by the name, style, and title of Baron Fermoy, in the said County of Cork.

BUCKINGHAM-PALACE, May 15, 1855.

This day had audience of Her Majesty :-

His Excellency Count Walewski, Ambassador from the Emperor of the French, to deliver his letter of recall;

To which he was introduced by the Earl of Clarendon, K.G., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Major-General the Honourable Sir Edward Cust, K.C.H., Her Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies.

DOWNING-STREET, May 15, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to constitute the Island of Labuan and its dependencies to be a Bishop's See and Diocese, to be called the Bishoprick of Labuan, and to appoint the Reverend Francis Thomas M'Dougall, D.C.L., to be ordained and consecrated Bishop of the said See.

WHITEHALL, May 15, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto

Field-Marshal the Right Honourable Fitz-Roy James Henry, Lord Raglan, G C.B., and Vice-Admiral James Whitley Deans Dundas, C.B.

Her Majesty's Royal licence and permission that they may respectively accept and wear the Imperial Order of the Medjidie of the First Class, which the Sultan hath been pleased to confer upon them as a mark of His Imperial Majesty's approbation of their distinguished services before the Enemy during the present War; and that they may enjoy all the rights and privileges thereunto belonging.

WHITEHALL, May 17, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto

Lieutenant-General Sir John Fox Burgoyne, G.C.B.,

Lieutenant-General Sir George Brown, K.C.B., and

Rear - Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, Bart., G.C.B.,

Her Majesty's Royal licence and permission that they may severally accept and wear the Imperial Order of the Medjidie of the First Class, which the Sultan hath been pleased to confer upon them as a mark of His Imperial Majesty's approbation of their distinguished services before the Enemy during the present War; and that they may enjoy all the rights and privileges thereunto belonging.

FOREIGN OFFICE, May 17, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr James Arrott as Consul at Dublin for the United States of America.

CROWN-OFFICE, May 15, 1855.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Renfrew.

Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, of Greenock and Blackhall, Bart., in the room of Colonel William Mure, who has accepted the office of Steward of Her Majesty's Chiltern Hundreds.