

Shanghai to send an intimation to Peking of your approach, and to request that suitable arrangements might be made for your honourable reception at the mouth of the Peiho and at Tien-tsin, and for your journey from that place to Peking. You were informed that the Admiral in command of Her Majesty's Naval Forces in China had been directed to send up with you to the mouth of the Peiho a sufficient naval force, and you were instructed that unless any unforeseen circumstances should appear to make another arrangement more advisable, it would seem desirable that you should reach Tien-tsin in a British ship-of-war.

Your conduct, therefore, in insisting upon being received at Peking, and in proceeding to the mouth of the Peiho, was in strict conformity with your instructions. Upon arriving at the mouth of the Peiho you were placed in circumstances of great difficulty in selecting the course you were to pursue, you were obliged to found that course mainly upon presumptive evidence.

In these circumstances you had to weigh contingencies upon which no safe calculation could be made. I can only say, therefore, that Her Majesty's Government, without being able, in the present state of their information, to judge precisely what measures it might have been most advisable for you to adopt at the moment, see nothing in the decision that you took to diminish the confidence which they repose in you.

Her Majesty deeply regrets the loss of life which attended the gallant though unsuccessful efforts of the British and French Forces to clear the passage of the river. But Her Majesty has commanded preparations to be made which will enable Her Forces, in conjunction with those of His Majesty the Emperor of the French, to support you in the execution of the instructions which will be hereafter addressed to you.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. RUSSELL.

MASTER OF THE HORSE'S OFFICE,  
October 1, 1859.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Henry John Loftus, Esq., to be Page of Honour to Her Majesty, vice Macpherson.

DOWNING-STREET, October 1, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Robert John Pinsent, to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Newfoundland; Alexander Campbell, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Trinidad; Thomas Rust, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Ceylon; and George Samuel Wattlely, Esq., to be a Member of the Council of the Island of Nevis.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint James John Hickson, Esq., to be Police Magistrate for the Island of Grenada.

ERRATUM in Gazette of Tuesday, August 2.

For "George Porter Athhill, Esq.;"  
Read, "John Grey Porter Athhill, Esq.,"  
to be Chief-Justice of the Island of St Lucia.

DUBLIN CASTLE, October 4, 1859.

The Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to approve of the appointment of John de Montmorency to be a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Kilkenny, in the room of Harvey P. de Montmorency, deceased.

ADMIRALTY, September 20, 1859.

Corps of Royal Marines.

- Mr John Serjeant, gent. to be Second Lieutenant.
- Mr Henry Ainslie Alfred Turner, gent. to be Second Lieutenant.
- Mr Reginald Phillips Baker, gent. to be Second Lieutenant.
- Mr Henry Arthur Thomas, gent. to be Second Lieutenant.

ADMIRALTY, October 3, 1859.

MEMORANDUM.

Corps of Royal Marines.

The Christian names of Second Lieutenant Bottomley, are Joe Drury, not Ive Drury.

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Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
Marine Department, October 4, 1859.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty Consul at Teneriffe, transmitting copy of a Decree issued by the Provincial Board of Health of the Canary Islands, a translation of which is subjoined.

(Translation.)

St Cruz, September 7, 1859.

As a precautionary measure, the Provisional Health Board under my Presidency has decided that all vessels which shall arrive at this Bay shall anchor to the leeward of this town; and to carry this resolution into effect, the pilot-boat shall go off to meet them, for which service they shall be paid, although they may not be admitted on board. I communicate this to you for your information and guidance.

God preserve you, &c.,

(Signed) J. RAVENT.

To J. Murray, H.B.M.'s Consul.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, and of the City and County of the City of Norwich.

5th Company of Norfolk Rifle Volunteers.

Somerville Arthur Gurney, Esq. to be Ensign.  
Dated 23d September 1859.

1st Sub-division of Norfolk Rifle Volunteers.

William Henry Scott, Esq. to be Lieutenant.  
Dated 23d September 1859.

Harold Augustus Ernuin, Esq. to be Ensign.  
Dated 23d September 1859.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Sussex.

Artillery Battalion of the Royal Sussex Militia.  
Edward Henniker, gent. to be Second Lieutenant, vice Skinner, resigned. Dated 1st September 1859.

