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FOREIGN-OFFICE, March 8, 1861.

IT is hereby notified, that the Right Honourable Lord John Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from his Excellency the Marquis d'Azeglio, the Sardinian Minister in London, an official communication, dated the 7th March instant, stating that the Sardinian Admiral Persano had, on and from the 5th of March instant, established the Blockade of the Citadel of Messina, and of the neighbouring Forts, with a number of ships of war sufficient to render this blockade effective.

The Sardinian Minister further states that he is officially informed by the Sardinian Government that the commercial port of the city of Messina is not comprised in this blockade, and that such port consequently remains free from blockade and open to trade.

DOWNING STREET, March 6, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Sir John Young, Bart., K.C.B., G.C.M.G., to be Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the colony of New South Wales.

DOWNING-STREET, March 7, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Edward Douglas, Esq. to be Assistant Colonial Secretary in the Despatch Branch of the Office of the Colonial Secretary for the Island of Mauritius.

INDIA-OFFICE, February 8, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased, by letters-patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to appoint Colley Harman Scotland, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Madras.

INDIA-OFFICE, March 7, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Edward Henry Stanley, commonly called Lord Stanley, to be one of Her

Majesty's Commissioners to enquire into, and report upon, the measures which it may be expedient to take for maintaining and improving the health of all ranks of Her Majesty's Army serving in India.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Colonel Henry Marion Durand, C.B., to be a Member of the said Commission, in the room of Major-General Sir Robert John Hussey Vivian, K.C.B.; and James Brown Gibson, Esq., M.D., C.B., to be a Member of the said Commission, in the room of Thomas Alexander, Esq., C.B.

DUBLIN CASTLE, March 8, 1861.

The Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to approve of the appointment of James O'Brien, Esq., of Ballynalackin, to be a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Clare.

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Board of Trade, Whitehall,
March 8, 1861.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Costa Rica, reporting that the port of Punta Arenas ceased to be a free port on the 26th January last.

Commission signed by the Queen.

2d Battalion North Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers.

Robert Craufurd, Esq. to be Adjutant. Dated 19th January 1861.

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

Ross, Caithness, Sutherland, and Cromarty Highland Rifle Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant William Houstoun to be Captain, 11th Munro, resigned. Dated 2d March 1861.

