WAR-OFFICE, May 15, 1863.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of Major John Watson, V.C., of the Bombay Army, to be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

DOWNING STREET, May 14, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Major Henry Fitzharding Berkeley Maxse to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Heligoland.

WHITEHALL, May 15, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Henry Julius Courtin, of Hermosa, in the parish of West Teignmouth, in the county of Devon, Gentleman, a naturalized subject of Her Majesty's realm, Her royal licence and authority that he may, in compliance with a direction contained in a certain settlement, henceforth take upon himself and use the surname of Allcard in lieu of that of Courtin, and also bear the arms of Allcard; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Heralds' Office, otherwise the said royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect :

And also to command that the said royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

DUBLIN CASTLE, May 14, 1863.

The Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to appoint John Morrogh Bernard, Esquire, of Shehery Cottage, Killarney, to be High Sheriff of the County of Kerry for the present year.

> Board of Trade, Whitehall, May 15, 1863.

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 Chargé d'Affaires at Madrid, enclosing a copy of a Spanish Royal Order, imposing the following Customs duties on vegetable wax (cera vegetal) imported into Spain :-

•				Per		
				Kilogramme.		
				rls.	c.	
Unmanufactured {	under	Spanish	Flag	0	20	
	"	Foreign		0	25	
Manufactured	,,	Spanish	55	2	80	
	"	Foreign	3 2	8	40	

Board of Trade, Whitehall, May 15, 1863.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received information from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that the French Government has reduced the tonnage duty levied on British vessels engaged in the indirect trade, and driven by stress of weather into French harbours, from 3 frs. 75 c. to 1 fr. per ton.

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ADMIRALTY, May 11, 1863.

Royal Marine Artillery.

Second Lieutenant Robert Calder Allen to be First Lieutenant, dated the 8th of February 1863, vice Hill, drowned in Her Majesty's Ship Orpheus.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Linlithgow.

Linlithgow or 1st Linlithgowshire Rifle Volunteers.

William Hawksworth, gent. to be Ensign, vice Hardy, promoted.

Bo'ness or 2d Linlithgowshire Rifle Volunteers.

William Johnston, gent. to be Ensign, vice Begg, promoted.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been pleased to accept the resignations of Lieutenant McKinlay and Ensign Simpson in the Bathgate or 3d Linlithgowshire Rifle Volunteers.

Commission signed by the Acting Lord Lieutenant of the County of Northampton.

Northamptonshire and Rutland Militia.

James Foster Gray, gent. to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 27th April 1863.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Berks.

4th Berks Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Edward Morland to be Lieutenant, vice John Blandy-Jenkins, resigned. Dated 5th May 1863.

9th Berks Rifle Volunteer Corps.

William Dowell Wasbrough to be Captain. Dated 5th May 1863.

William Brooks Reynolds to be Lieutenant. Dated 5th May 1863.

MEMORANDUM.

4th Berks Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Lieutenant John Blandy-Jenkins.

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

2d Somersetshire Regiment of Militia.

Charles Hunter, gent. to be Lieutenant, vice Bateman, resigned. Dated 9th May 1863.

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

Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry Cavalry.

Francis Foljambe Anderson, Esq. to be Lieutenant, vice the Earl of Lincoln, resigned. Dated 13th May 1863.

MEMORANDUM.

Royal Sherwood Foresters or Nottinghamshire Regiment of Militia.

Her Majesty has signified Her pleasure that Lieutenant Eyre Evans, who has been absent without leave from the training of this Regiment, be removed from the strength of the Regiment. Dated 8th May 1863.