

by the commander of the cruiser when he receives the passports and other ship's papers.

7. Consuls and agents are required to be careful that no vessel shall possess more than one bill of health. Should the bill be old or dirty, or entirely covered with signatures, it should be cancelled, and a new one given to the master, upon which the former ports of departure should be briefly enumerated, together with a statement of the principal remarks on the previous bill.

All the Russian Custom-houses and Customs-barriers, as well as the commanders of the revenue cruisers and the river authorities of the Baltic Sea and its gulfs, should be provided with models of the clean bills of health which the Swedish Government delivers to vessels to certify that their crews and cargoes have been disinfected and are free from risk, together with impressions of the seals used for these bills, and forms of the certificates delivered to the vessels which are not obliged to touch at Kinsö.

9. Vessels which have laden cargo at the Foreign or Russian ports of the Baltic, or vessels in ballast from the same ports, are admitted to the Russian Baltic Ports without quarantine certificates.

10. For facility of distinction, all vessels proceeding from the North Sea to the Russian Baltic Ports, should carry a green flag upon one of their masts, and are required to present their bills during the voyage to the commander of the first revenue cruiser they may encounter, as well as to the other commanders of such cruisers who may require their production.

11. Masters of vessels arriving at a port without bills, with irregular bills, or with bills showing erasures, or with interlineations, and who by reason of their port of departure are bound to produce bills in due form, are liable to a fine of 25 roubles, if unable to prove that they have lost their bills by violence, or other causes beyond control. A similar fine of 25 roubles will be imposed upon masters of vessels whose bills do not exhibit the signatures of Consuls, Russian Agents, or other authorised persons, setting forth the sanitary condition of the ports at which their vessels have touched.

12. Should the master insist upon the regularity of his bill, the commander of the revenue cruiser shall immediately seize it, together with his papers, and forward them to the superior river authority, at the same time keeping the vessel at a distance, and interdicting communication with her.

13. Upon the arrival of vessels at their destination their bills of health should be delivered by the commanders of the revenue cruisers to the Custom-house authorities to be cancelled.

14. (Relates to Russian vessels of war).

15. Consuls are required to communicate, without delay, to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and to the department of Foreign Commerce, detailed information with respect to the exhibition of symptoms of any contagious disease in their districts.

(25.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
January 19, 1865.*

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 Mexican Imperial Decree, repealing the

Second Article of the Decree of the 1st May 1863, which reduced the Mexican Import Duties 50 per cent.

DUBLIN CASTLE, January 19, 1865.

The Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to approve of the appointment of John George Smyly, Esquire, to be a Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Tyrone, in the room of W. S. Richardson Brady, Esquire, deceased.

The Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Owen Phibbs, Esquire, to be a Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Sligo, in the room of George De la Poer Armstrong, Esquire, deceased.

ADMIRALTY, January 17, 1865.

Rear-Admiral George St Vincent King, C.B., to be Vice-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet, whilst employed as Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the China Station.

Mr James Cole has been this day promoted to the rank of Master in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Assheton Cross to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 10th January 1865.

Edward Matthew Fenwick, Esq. M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 10th January 1865.

William Romaine Callender, the younger, Esq. to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 10th January 1865.

4th Administrative Battalion of Lancashire Rifle Volunteers.

James Pearson Fletcher, Esq. to be Major, vice Bowers, resigned. Dated 6th January 1865.

19th Lancashire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Second Lieutenant Thomas Brown to be First Lieutenant, vice Warburton, promoted. Dated 22d December 1864.

13th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

John Wrigley, gent. to be Lieutenant. Dated 10th January 1865.

55th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

John Jones, gent. to be Ensign, vice Knott, resigned. Dated 23d December 1864.

60th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

James Bayley Knott, Esq. to be Captain, vice James Pearson Fletcher, resigned. Dated 6th January 1865.

Charles Richards, gent. to be Ensign, vice Ralph Fletcher, resigned. Dated 6th January 1865.

76th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Alfred Topp to be Captain. Dated 5th January 1865.

George Galloway, gent. to be Lieutenant, vice Topp, promoted. Dated 5th January 1865.