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WHITEHALL, November 3, 1868.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Knight of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto James Lumsden of Arden, in the county of Dumbarton, Esq., Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow.

WHITEHALL, November 4, 1868.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend William Mair to the church and parish of Earlston, in the presbytery of Lauder, and county of Berwick, void by the death of the Reverend David William Gordon.

DUBLIN CASTLE, October 31, 1868.

Her Majesty's letters-patent have passed the Great Seal of Ireland, appointing Michael Harrison, Esquire, Q.C., to be one of the Judges of the Court of Bankruptcy and Insolvency in Ireland, in the room of the Honourable Judge Berwick, deceased.

(C. 1530.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
November 3, 1868.*

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 Minister at Athens, reporting a reduction in the export duty on currants from 15 to 13 drachmas (10s. 8½d. to 9s. 3½d.) per 1000 Venetian pounds, when shipped at any port in Greece not in the Ionian Islands.

(C. 1543.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
November 5, 1868.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid, a translation of a Spanish Decree under date of October 30, 1868, which declares that "as it appears from official communications that cholera has disappeared from the Empire of Morocco, and that clean bills of health are given to ships on leaving the ports of the same, vessels coming from thence are declared

clean; nevertheless those that may have happened to have had any case of suspicious decease on board during the voyage, must be sent to a foul lazaret, or subjected to the proper observation, according to the cases which may have occurred; the same precautions will be taken with those ships the sanitary state of which may excite suspicion."

(C. 1546.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
November 5, 1868.*

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 Minister in Japan, forwarding a Notification he has issued in regard to the postponement of the opening of the port of Niigata:—

NOTIFICATION.

With reference to the notification issued by the undersigned on March 28th, and that issued by Her Majesty's Consul on June 25th last, relating to Niigata, the undersigned has now to inform British subjects that the Japanese Government have protested against foreigners or foreign merchant vessels resorting to that port before it has been opened to foreign trade, and have declared that, in the present state of war which prevails in that neighbourhood, they cannot be responsible for the security of any foreigner who may proceed there.

The undersigned accordingly notifies this information to all subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, and hereby warns them that, as Niigata has not yet been opened to foreign trade, any British subject proceeding to that port does so at his own risk, and cannot claim while thus engaged the protection of Her Majesty's Government.

(Signed) HARRY S. PARKES.

Her Britannic Majesty's Legation,
September 12, 1868.

WAR-OFFICE, PALL-MALL,

November 6, 1868.

1st Regiment of Life Guards—The proper designation of the Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant appointed on the 30th September 1868, is *Henry, Lord Beaumont*, and not as then stated.