

Westminster, January 26, 1838.

THIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to two Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act to enable Her Majesty to grant an annual sum to Her Royal Highness Victoria Maria Louisa Duchess of Kent.
And one private Act.

Buckingham-Palace, January 27, 1838.

This day had audience of Her Majesty, the Baron de Münchhausen, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of Hanover, to deliver his credentials:

To which he was introduced by Lord Viscount Palmerston, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Sir Robert Chester, Knt. Master of the Ceremonies.

Downing-Street, January 29, 1838.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to nominate and appoint Lieutenant-General Sir John Colborne, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, to be a Knight Grand Cross of the said Order.

Whitehall, January 30, 1838.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, appointing Andrew Henry Lynch, Esq. to be one of the Masters in Ordinary of the High Court of Chancery, in the room of George Boone Roupell, Esq. deceased.

Whitehall, January 29, 1838.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Captain Richard Basset, of the Royal Artillery, Her royal licence and permission, that he may accept and wear the insignia of a Knight of the Royal Spanish Order of Isabella the Catholic, and the cross of the first class of the Military Order of San Fernando, which the Queen Regent of Spain hath been pleased to confer upon that Officer, in testimony

of Her royal approbation of his services in the operation undertaken for raising the siege of Bilbao, and in the various actions which took place subsequently on the Cantabrian coast; and that he may enjoy all the rights and privileges thereunto annexed; provided, nevertheless, that Her Majesty's said licence and permission doth not authorise the assumption of any style, appellation, rank, precedence, or privilege appertaining unto a Knight Bachelor of these realms:

And also to command, that Her Majesty's said concession and especial mark of Her royal favour be registered, together with the relative documents, in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

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

Henry William Hobhouse, Esq. to be Deputy-Lieutenant. Dated 29th November 1837.
Ambrose Goddard Lethbridge, Esq. to be ditto. Dated 12th January 1838.
Francis Henry Dickinson, Esq. to be ditto. Dated 26th January 1838.

Whitehall, January 16, 1838.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Frederick Hill, of Helston, in the county of Cornwall, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Whitehall, January 23, 1838.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Frederic Ellman, of Battle, in the county of Sussex, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Whitehall, January 25, 1838.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Joseph Green James, of Walsall, in the county of Stafford, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

An Account of the aggregate Amount of Notes circulated, in England and Wales, by Private Banks and by Joint Stock Banks and their Branches, distinguishing Private from Joint Stock Banks, between the 30th September and the 30th December 1837.—From Returns directed by 3 and 4 W. 4, c. 83.

Private Banks	-	£7,043,470
Joint Stock Banks	-	3,826,665
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		£10,870,135

John Wood.

Stamps and Taxes, January 29, 1838.