

modified in manner hereinafter mentioned, in reference to the case of labourers, of African birth or descent, emigrating to the colonies aforesaid, from places, the inhabitants of which may reasonably be presumed to be so far cognizant of the state and prospects of labourers in agriculture and manufactures within the said colonies, as to be competent to protect their own interests in any contracts entered into beyond the precincts of such colonies for services to be performed therein :

And whereas persons, emigrating from the Continent of North America, may reasonably be presumed to be so competent; it is, therefore, ordered by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that, in respect of persons, of African birth or descent, emigrating from the Continent of North America to the colonies aforesaid, or any of them, the above recited provisions of the said Order in Council, of the seventh September one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, shall be, and the same are hereby, revoked; provided, nevertheless, and it is hereby further ordered, that no contract of service, within the said colonies, or either of them, if entered into with any emigrant, of African birth or descent, from the Continent of North America, beyond the limits and off the land of the colony within which such labour is to be performed, shall be of any force or effect therein, unless the same shall be in writing, and shall be signed with the name, or, in case of illiterate persons, with the mark of each of the contracting parties, in the presence of some officer or person in Her Majesty's service, previously designated for that purpose by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; nor unless such officer or person as aforesaid shall subscribe such written contract, in attestation of the fact that it was entered into by the parties voluntarily, and with a clear understanding of its meaning and effect; and it is hereby ordered, that any contract, entered into in the manner hereinbefore described, shall be received in evidence in any colony without further proof, provided that such contracts shall be certified in such manner as Her Majesty shall, from time to time, direct; provided always, that save as hereinbefore excepted, nothing herein contained shall be construed to revoke the said recited Order, or any part thereof, so far as respects the case of persons emigrating from the Continent of North

America to the colonies aforesaid, or to any of them; and that the provisions of the same shall be applicable to any contracts of service, so to be made as aforesaid, with such persons beyond the limits and off the land of such colonies, in the same manner as if the same had been made within the limits and on the land thereof :

And the Right Honourable Lord Stanley, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. C. Greville.

Whitehall, January 26, 1843.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be forthwith made and passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, appointing Robert Viscount Melville, K.T.; Robert Montgomerie Lord Belhaven; Henry Home Drummond, Esq.; James Campbell, of Craigie, Esq.; Edward Twisleton, Esq.; the Reverend Doctor Patrick Macfarlan, Minister of Greenock; and the Reverend James Robertson, Minister of Ellon, in the county of Aberdeen; Her Majesty's Commissioners for inquiring into the practical operation of the poor laws in Scotland.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint William Smith, Esq. Advocate, to be Secretary to the said Commission.

Downing-Street, January 25, 1843.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Bart. G. C. B. to be Captain General and Governor in Chief of Her Majesty's provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and of the island of Prince Edward; and Governor General of all Her Majesty's provinces on the Continent of North America, and of the island of Prince Edward.

War-Office, 27th January 1843.

5th Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Captain Richard George Augustus Levinge, from half-pay Unattached, to be Captain, vice William Beaumaris Knipe, who exchanges. Dated 27th January 1843.
 Lieutenant Archibald Rowan Hamilton to be Captain, by purchase, vice Levinge, who retires. Dated 27th January 1843.
 Cornet James Fort to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Hamilton. Dated 27th January 1843.
 Robert Henry Payne Crawford, Gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Fort. Dated 27th January 1843.