In pursuance of the directions of an Act, passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An "Act to repeal so much of two Acts, made in "the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of "His present Majesty, as authorizes the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out writs for the election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein mentioned, and for substituting other provisions for the like "purposes:"

I do hereby give notice, that the death of Benjamin Wood, Esq. late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the borough of Southwark, hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two Members serving in this present Parliament; and that I shall issue my warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said borough, at the end of fourteen days after the insertion of this notice in the London Gazette.

Given under my hand the 16th day of August 1845, CHARLES SHAW LEFEVRE, Speaker.

Crown-Office, August 19, 1845.

MEMBERS returned to serve in this present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Cirencester.

William Cripps, Esq. one of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Borough of Sunderland.

George Hudson, of the city of York, Esq. and an Alderman of the same city, in the room of the Right Honourable Henry Grey, commonly called Viscount Howick, now Earl Grey, called up to the House of Peers.

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

West Somerset Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.

Cornet John William Browne to be Lieutenant, vice Bernard, promoted. Dated 12th August 1845.

William Samwell George, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Browne, promoted. Dated 12th August 1845.

Cranstoun Adams, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Capel, promoted. Dated 12th August 1845.

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

Warwickshire Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.
Cornet Galton to be Captain, vice King, promoted.
Dated 13th August 1845.

Robert Barnard, Gent. to be Lieutenant, vice Greenway, resigned. Dated 13th August 1845. Cornet Lord Fielding to be Lieutenant, vice Boultbee, resigned. Dated 13th August 1845. Robert James Atty, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Lucy, resigned. Dated 13th August 1845.

NOTICE is hereby given, that, from and after the 1st day of November 1845, the following arrangements and regulations for examining Masters and Mates, in the Merchant Service, voluntarily offering themselves for examination, will take effect.

By order of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade,

J. G. S. Lefevre, Assistant Secretary.

I.—As to the Boards of Examiners.

1. The Boards enumerated in the schedule hereto have voluntarily undertaken respectively to conduct the examinations hereinafter described, according to the arrangements and regulations contained in this notice, which are subject to any future regulations to be from time to time made by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and published in the London, Edinburgh, and Dublin Gazettes.

2. Each Board of Examiners is to examine all persons who shall apply as hereinafter is mentioned for certificates of qualification as masters or mates of vessels, and shall grant to such of them as upon examination shall be found to be properly qualified certificates accordingly, of the classes following:—

Masters, 1st class. 2d class. 3d class. Mates, 1st class. 2d class. 3d class.

3. The actual examiners are to be members of the said enumerated Boards, or proper persons appointed or employed by the Boards respectively.

4. In every case the examination is to be carried on by at least two examiners who have had charge

of ships or vessels on over-sea voyages.

5. In the examination of the first and second classes hereinafter described, the examiners are to be assisted by a scientific person competently acquainted with the theory of navigation and nautical astronomy.

6. Such examination is to comprise the several points, and be subject to the several conditions hereinafter mentioned.

II.—Conditions and Subjects of Examination.

- 1. No person is to be examined as a master under 21 years of age, nor as a mate under 19 years, nor who has not previously served at sea for not less than 6 years, as regards an examination for master, and for not less than 4 years as regards that for mate.
- 2. All candidates for examination must produce sufficient evidence of their ages, and certificates of service and sobriety, general good character and conduct; and particular care is to be taken by the examiners to satisfy themselves as to the habitual