

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
December 7, 1853.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul-General at Venice, reporting that the free importation of wheat, maize, and oats into the Lombardo-Venetian territories has been prolonged from the 31st instant to the end of March, 1854.

By order,
James Booth.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
December 8, 1853.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Declaration issued by the Russian authorities at Bucharest, from Her Majesty's Consul-General at that place, respecting the navigation of the Danube by vessels of neutral powers, a translation of which is hereto subjoined :

By order,
James Booth.

(Translation.)

DECLARATION.

IN virtue of the orders of His Majesty, the Emperor, the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial troops appoints the ports of Braïla and Galatz for the commerce of neutral powers, both as regards exportation and importation. The vessels of such Powers coming from the Black Sea can return freely into that sea after having received their cargoes in the ports above mentioned, on condition always that they abstain, before entering the Black Sea, from touching at any port of the Danube. Consequently these vessels before quitting the ports of Braïla and Galatz must present their documents to the Russian Consular Agents, who will furnish them, gratis, with a certificate showing the destination of the ship, and bearing the formal declaration, that if before entering the sea they should disembark corn or provisions upon any point of the right bank of the Danube they will by this contravention incur sequestration. Neutral vessels which wish to ascend the Danube, in order to proceed at once into the Austrian States, and which carry down cargoes destined either for Braïla or Galatz, or for exportation by the Black Sea, will be liable to the same formality of a Russian certificate indicating their destination and prohibiting them, under pain of sequestration, from entering into any traffic on the right bank of the Danube.

Neutral Vessels wishing to descend the Danube will not meet with any hindrance, provided that on their passage by Orsova they furnish themselves at the Russian Consulate with a certificate stating that they belong *bonâ fide* to a neutral power, and that their cargo is not destined for one of the Turkish ports of the Danube.

War-Office, 9th December, 1853.

20th Regiment of Foot.

Major-General Henry Godwin, C.B., to be Colonel, vice Major-General Sir William Chalmers, C.B., removed to the 78th Regiment of Foot. Dated 25th October, 1853.

War-Office, 9th December, 1853.

BREVET.

Colonel Sir John Cheape, K.C.B., of the Honourable East India Company's Service, to be an Honorary Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty. Dated 9th December, 1853.

To be LIEUTENANT-COLONELS in the Army.

Major Francis Wigston, 18th Foot.
Major Arnold Charles Errington, 51st Foot.
Major Clement Alexander Edwards, 18th Foot.
Major Augustus Thomas Rice, 51st Foot.

To be MAJORS in the Army.

Captain Archibald Neil Campbell, 18th Foot.
Captain William Tyrrell Bruce, 18th Foot.

To be LIEUTENANT-COLONELS in the Army in the East Indies.

Major Joseph Turton, Bengal Artillery.
Major John Welchman, 10th Bengal Native Infantry.

Major William Hill, 1st Madras Fusiliers.
Major James George Neill, 1st Madras Fusiliers.
Major John Carne Boulderson, 35th Madras Native Infantry.

Major Hugh Fraser, Bengal Engineers.
Major George Craven Armstrong, 47th Bengal Native Infantry.

Major Henry Cotton, 67th Bengal Native Infantry.

Major Charles Samuel Reid, Bengal Artillery.

To be MAJORS in the Army in the East Indies.

Captain William Augustin John Mayhew, 8th Bengal Native Infantry.

Captain Sydenham George Charles Renaud, 1st Madras Fusiliers.

Captain Grant Allan, 3rd Madras Native Infantry.

Captain Alexander Robert Dallas, 1st Madras Native Infantry.

Captain William Frost Nuthall, 18th Bengal Native Infantry.

Captain Albert Fytche, 70th Bengal Native Infantry.

Commissions to bear date the 9th December, 1853.

Office of Ordnance, 7th December, 1853.

Corps of Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant-General Sir Charles William Pasley K.C.B., to be Colonel-Commandant, vice Sir Augustus de Butts, deceased. Dated 28th November, 1853.

Admiralty, 5th December, 1853.

The following promotions have this day taken place consequent on the death, on the 4th instant, of Vice-Admiral James Richard Dacres :

Rear-Admiral of the White Sir William Fairbrother Carroll, K.C.B., to be Rear-Admiral of the Red.

Rear-Admiral of the Blue Provo William Parry Wallis to be Rear-Admiral of the White.

Captain the Honourable Montagu Stopford to be Rear-Admiral of the Blue.

Retired Captain William Hotham, K.H., has also been promoted to be Retired Rear-Admiral, on the terms proposed in the London Gazette of 1st September, 1846, without increase of pay.