

*Westminster, May 5, 1855.*

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, authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several 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, 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 for raising the sum of sixteen millions by way of annuities.

An Act to transfer to the Corporation of the town of Brighton the property, powers, privileges, and liabilities of the Brighton Improvement Commissioners.

An Act for granting further powers to the Folkestone Waterworks Company.

An Act for enabling the Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Company to raise further capital, and for other purposes.

An Act for merging the Sheffield Gas Consumers Company in the Sheffield United Gas Light Company, and for other purposes.

An Act for constructing a railway from Bridport to Maiden Newton, on the Wilts, Somerset, and Weymouth Railway, in the county of Dorset.

An Act to enable the Leeds, Bradford, and Halifax Junction Railway Company to raise additional capital, and for other purposes.

An Act to consolidate and amend the provisions of the Act relating to the Ratcliff Gas Light and Coke Company.

An Act for supplying with gas the townships of Ossett-cum-Gawthorpe, in the parish of Dewsbury, and Horbury, in the parish of Wakefield, all in the West Riding of the county of York.

An Act for effectually lighting with gas the town of Stalybridge and the neighbourhood thereof, in the counties of Chester and Lancaster, and in the West Riding of the county of York.

[Extract from the Dublin Gazette of the 4th of May, 1855.]

*Crown and Hanaper Office, Dublin.*

In pursuance of an Act passed in the fortieth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to regulate the mode by which the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and the Commons to serve in the Parliament of the United Kingdom, on the part of Ireland, shall be summoned and returned to the said Parliament," I do hereby give notice, that the Right Honourable Hayes, Viscount Doneraile, has been chosen by a majority of votes to be the Peer to sit in the House of Lords of the United Kingdom, in the room of John Bruce, Viscount O'Neill, deceased.

Dated the 2nd day of May, 1855.

*C. Fitz-Simon,*  
Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper.

*Office of Ordnance, 7th May, 1855.*

*Corps of Royal Engineers.*

Lieutenant Charles Herbert Sedley to be Second Captain, vice Crofton, died of wounds before Sebastopol. Dated 16th April, 1855.

*Admiralty, 5th May, 1855.*

The following promotions, dated the 2nd instant, have this day taken place consequent on the decease, on the 1st instant, of Rear-Admiral of the White Armar Lowry Corry:

Rear-Admiral of the Blue The Honourable Richard Saunders Dundas, C.B., to be Rear-Admiral of the White.

Captain Follett Walrond Pennell,  
Captain William Alexander Baillie Hamilton,  
Captain Edward Purcell,  
Captain Charles Elliot,  
to be Rear-Admirals on the Reserved Half-pay List.

Captain Thomas Bennett to be Rear-Admiral of the Blue.

The following Captains on the Retired List have also been promoted to be Retired Rear-Admirals on the terms proposed in the London Gazette of 1st September, 1846, without increase of pay:

Captain Theobald Jones.  
Captain George Lloyd.

*Army and Ordnance Medical Department,*  
*5th May, 1855.*

The Office of the Army and Ordnance Medical Department has been removed from No. 13, St. James's-place, St. James's, to No. 6, Whitehall-yard, Westminster.

[This Article is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of 6th April last.]

*Commission signed by the Queen.*

*Royal Cumberland Regiment of Militia.*

Lieutenant William John Robinson, of the Royal Cumberland Militia, to be Acting Quartermaster, vice Lumb, who retires. Dated 3rd April, 1855.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Berks.*

The Honourable Jacob Pleydell Bouverie, commonly called Viscount Folkestone, to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 2nd May, 1855.

The Right Honourable William Goodenough Hayter to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 2nd May, 1855.

John Walter, Esq., M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 2nd May, 1855.

Robert Allfrey, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 2nd May, 1855.

*Royal Berks Militia.*

Ward Soane Braham, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Williams, resigned. Dated 2nd May, 1855.