

Whitehall, January 10, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, unto The Right Honourable Sir James Parke, Knt., late one of the Barons of Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer, for the term of his natural life, by the name, style, and title of Baron Wensleydale, of Wensleydale, in the North Riding of the county of York.

Whitehall, January 4, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto William John Venables-Vernon, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable William John Vernon, second son of George John, fifth Lord Vernon, Baron of Kinderton, the son of George Charles, fourth Lord Vernon, Baron of Kinderton, deceased, by Frances Maria, his wife, only child

and heir of the Right Honourable Sir John Borlase Warren, of Stapleford Hall, in the county of Nottingham, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Admiral of the White Squadron in the Royal Navy, both deceased, her royal licence and authority that he may take and use the surnames of Borlase Warren, in addition to and before his family name of Venables Vernon, and that he may be called William John Borlase-Warren-Venables-Vernon, and bear the arms of Borlase and Warren quarterly with those of Venables and Vernon, and that such surnames and arms may be taken and used in like manner by his issue: such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms and recorded in the Herald's Office, otherwise the said royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And also to command that the said royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

Board of Trade, Whitehall, January 9, 1856.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of 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 Ambassador at Paris, forwarding copy of a French Imperial Decree, fixing, for the present, the duties on the importation of Sugar, as follow:

Sugar of a quality equal at least to the present 1st quality ..	in French Vessels	From the French Colonies in America and beyond the Cape of Good Hope	} present duty.	
		From China, Cochin-China, the Philippines, and Siam		45 frs.
		From other countries of India		47 "
		From elsewhere, out of Europe		50 "
		From the Entrepôts		60 "
	in Foreign Vessels		65 "	
Sugar of a quality superior to the present 1st quality			} same duties as above augmented by 3 frs. per 100 kilos.	

Board of Trade, Whitehall, January 10, 1856.

THE Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Oporto, reporting that upon the arrival of vessels intending to enter that port off the Oporto Bar, questions will be put to them through the telegraph at the lighthouse at S. João da Fez, by the officers of the Board of Health, which they must answer satisfactorily, to be admitted into the Douro; and that to enable them to reply to such questions, Masters of vessels ought to be furnished with Marryat's Code of Signals, which is the one used at the telegraph above-mentioned.

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

East Kent Regiment of Militia.

Ensign James Bartholomew Schlotel to be Lieutenant, vice Wimberley, resigned. Dated 1st December, 1855.

John Hampden Waller, Gent., late King's Own Light Infantry Tower Hamlets Militia, to be Ensign. Dated 31st December, 1855.

West Kent Light Infantry Regiment of Militia.

Michael Clare Garsia, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 21st December, 1855.

Charles Hamilton Sams, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 22nd December, 1855.

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

Northamptonshire Militia.

Ensign William Henry Worge-de-Capel Brooke to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th January, 1856.

Ensign Felix Masheter Whitehurst to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th January, 1856.

Charles Jennings to be Ensign. Dated 7th January, 1856.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Fife.

Fifeshire Militia Artillery.

Henry Moore Johnstone, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 7th January, 1856.

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

1st Regiment of King's Own Staffordshire Militia.

Edward Essex Digby Boycott, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 20th December, 1855.

2nd Regiment of King's Own Staffordshire Militia.

Ensign George Walton to be Lieutenant, vice Levett, promoted. Dated 2nd January, 1856.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Cornwall.

1st Rifle Regiment Royal Cornwall Rangers.

Ensign Murray to be Lieutenant. Dated 5th January, 1856.