

123. To Peter Armand Le Comte de Fontaine Moreau, of 4, South-street, Finsbury, London, and 39, Rue de l'Echiquier, Paris, in the Empire of France, for the invention of "an improved apparatus for the prevention of accidents or collisions on railways."—A communication.

124. To Alexandre Tolhausen, of No. 7, Duke Street, Adelphi, London, county of Middlesex, Sworn Interpreter at the Imperial Court of Paris, for the invention of "an improved gas-meter."—A communication.

125. To Philipp Rechten, of Bremen, for the invention of "the taking of whales and other cetaceous fish by means of a harpoon constructed on entire new principles."

127. To James Jackson, of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Blind Manufacturer, for the invention of an improved apparatus for retaining and releasing cords of "Venetian blinds," or cords, bands, or chains employed for other purposes."

128. To Oliver Philcox, of 30, Willes Road, Kentish Town, in the parish of St. Pancras, in the county of Middlesex, for the invention of "increasing the effect and the facility in fingering the pianoforte, organ, or other musical instrument having a keyboard."

129. To William Chapman, of Sunderland, for the invention of "an improvement in propelling vessels."

130. And to Joseph Jesse Comstock, of New York, in the United States, but now at Liverpool, county of Lancaster, for the invention of "improvements in generating steam."—A communication.

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 17th day of January, 1856.

134. To Joseph Moseley, of Well-walk, Hampstead, in the county of Middlesex, Esquire, for the invention of "the transport of all goods, merchandize, and valuable commodities whatsoever."

136. To Joseph Schloss, of Wellington-chambers, Cannon-street West, London, county of Middlesex, Merchant, for the invention of "a piston-bolt, or certain improvements in fastening travelling bags, portmonnaies, cigar-cases, writing-desks, drawers, doors, and similar objects where locks, bolts, or clasps are employed."

138. To Henry Griffith Rule, of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Gentleman, for the invention of "certain improvements in machinery or apparatus for measuring water or other fluids."

140. To Edward Myers, of Rotherham, in the county of York, Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in buffers and other springs for railway and other carriages."

142. To François Jules Manceaux, of Paris, in the Empire of France, Gun Manufacturer, for the invention of "improvements in firearms."

144. To Charles Weightman Harrison, of Woolwich, in the county of Kent, Civil Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in transmitting communications and in the apparatus employed therein."

146. And to James Buckley, of Oldham, in the county of Lancaster, Provision Dealer, for the invention of "improvements in looms for weaving."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 18th day of January, 1856.

148. To Alfred Dawson, of 14, Barnes-place, Mile End-road, in the parish of Saint Dunstan's,

Stepney, in the county of Middlesex, Engineer, for the invention of "an apparatus for converting small coals, or coal dust, or small coals and coke, or coal dust and coke, with the admixture of water or other materials, into solid blocks of fuel, parts of which apparatus can be used and are suited for other purposes."

150. To John Armour, of Kirkton Bleach Works, in the county of Renfrew, North Britain, Bleacher, for the invention of "improvements in bleaching, washing, or cleansing textile fabrics and materials."

152. To Thomas Horsfall, of Deptford, in the county of Kent, Engineer, and William Turnbull, of Rotherhithe, in the county of Surrey, Engineer, for the invention of "improved machinery for breaking and preparing hemp, flax, and other similar vegetable fibres."

154. And to Herman John Van den Hout, Artist, and Ebenezer Brown, Carver, both of Kentish Town, in the county of Middlesex, for the invention of "improvements in the preparation of pulp for the manufacture of paper, millboard, and other like purposes."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 19th day of January, 1856.

156. To Samuel Fenton, Incumbent of Saint Mary's, Wavertree, in the county of Lancaster, for the invention of "certain improvements in locks and fastenings."

158. And to John Gedge, of No. 4, Wellington-street South, Strand, in the county of Middlesex, Patent Agent, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of boots or shoes.—A communication from H. M. Gillon, junior, of Sezanne, France.

On both their petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 21st day of January, 1856.

162. To Pierre Lewis Tieffé-Lacroix, of Metz, in the Empire of France, Mechanician Watch-maker, for the invention of "improvements in machinery for cutting files."

164. To John Gedge, of No. 4, Wellington-street South, Strand, in the county of Middlesex, Patent Agent, for the invention of "improvements in wrought iron wheels."—A communication from M. Charpentier, of Paris, France.

166. To Peter Armand le Comte de Fontaine Moreau, of No. 4, South-street, Finsbury, London, and 39, Rue de l'Echiquier, Paris, in the Empire of France, Patent Agent, for the invention of "certain improvements in machinery or apparatus for manufacturing nails."—A communication.

168. To Thomas Hitt, of Tavistock-street, in the city of Westminster, Gentleman, for the invention of "certain arrangements of machinery for converting reciprocating into rotary motion."

172. And to John Beech and Edward Jeffreys, both of Shrewsbury, Engineers, for the invention of "improvements in the means of supporting the rails of railways."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 22nd day of January, 1856.

174. To John Onions, of Wellington-place, Blackfriars-road, Southwark, in the county of Surrey, Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of iron."

176. To Alexandre Tolhausen, of No. 7, Duke-street, Adelphi, London, county of Middlesex, Sworn Interpreter at the Imperial Court of Paris, for the invention of "an improved manu-