

Town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

George Ridley, of No. 2, Charles-street, Berkeley-square, in the county of Middlesex, Esq., in the room of John Fenwick Burgoyne Blackett, Esq., who has accepted the office of Steward of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead.

February 7.

Borough of Leeds.

The Right Honourable Matthew Talbot Baines, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

February 8.

Borough of Midhurst.

Samuel Warren, of the Inner Temple, London, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Counsel Learned in the Law, in the room of the Right Honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole, who has accepted the office of Steward of Her Majesty's Chiltern Hundreds.

Borough of Tamworth.

John Villiers Stuart Townshend, commonly called Viscount Raynham, in the room of John Townshend, Esq., now Marquis Townshend, summoned to the House of Peers.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
February 7, 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, enclosing copy of a French Imperial Decree, modifying as follows the duties on the importation of the articles below mentioned into the American and Indian possessions of France.

1.—*Martinique and Guadeloupe.*

Merchandize brought from Pondicherry, and from the other Indian possessions of France, in French vessels:—

Indian cloths:

Cotton cloths, bleached or unbleached, and denominated *Conjoas*, or *Salempoor*; blue calico, denominated *Saudrecaux*; check cloths and handkerchiefs, denominated *Burgos*; trousers and shirts of coarse cloth, and used as clothing for negroes or coolies; sail cloth—20f. per cent., ad valorem.

2.—Articles of merchandize brought from any country whatsoever:—

Animals for breeding:

Bulls, cows, heifers, rams, sheep, sows—free.

Tobacco:

In leaf, 60f. per 100 kilogs.

Prepared, 120f. per 100 kilogs.

Vanilla:

In French ships, 5f. per 100 kilogs.

In foreign ships, 10f. per 100 kilogs.

Isle of Reunion (Bourbon).

Vanilla:

In French ships, 10f. per 100 kilogs.

In foreign ships, 15f. per 100 kilogs.

The articles specified under the first head will, when imported from the home entrepôts, in French ships, into the colonies of Martinique and Guadeloupe, enjoy a reduction of one-fifth of the duties designated.

War Department, 8th February, 1856.

1st Regiment of Life Guards, Lieutenant Walter De Winton to be Captain, by purchase, vice Caulfield, who retires. Dated 8th February, 1856.

Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant A. E. H. G. Viscount Grey de Wilton to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice De Winton. Dated 8th February, 1856.

The Honourable William Henry John North to be Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Viscount Grey de Wilton. Dated 8th February, 1856.

5th Dragoon Guards, George Frederic Heyworth, Gent., to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Travers, promoted. Dated 8th February, 1856.

2nd Dragoons, Lieutenant Andrew Nugent to be Captain, by purchase, vice Sutherland, who retires. Dated 8th February, 1856.

Cornet John Lorn Stewart to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Nugent. Dated 8th February, 1856.

4th Light Dragoons, Ensign Douglas Fyfe, from the 28th Foot, to be Cornet, without purchase, vice Blackett, promoted. Dated 8th February, 1856.

13th Light Dragoons, Lieutenant Denzil Thomas Chamberlayne to be Captain, by purchase, vice Davis, who retires. Dated 8th February, 1856.

Soots Fusilier Guards, Captain David Hunter Blair, from half-pay Unattached, to be Lieutenant and Captain, vice Brevet-Colonel E. R. Wetherall, promoted to the Substantive Rank of Major, under the Royal Warrant of 6th October, 1854. Dated 8th February, 1856.

14th Regiment of Foot, Ensign R. A. L. Furneaux to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Graham, promoted in the Rifle Brigade. Dated 8th February, 1856.

20th Foot, Thomas Mackenzie, Gent., to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Wimberley, promoted. Dated 8th February, 1856.

Ensign Samuel Johnstone, from the 2nd Lancashire Militia, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Mackenzie, appointed the 42nd Foot. Dated 8th February, 1856.

28th Foot, First Lieutenant W. George Mansergh, from the South Tipperary Militia, to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Fyfe, appointed to the 4th Light Dragoons. Dated 8th February, 1856.

36th Foot, Joseph Osmund Walter Scott, Gent., to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Rowland B. Hill, promoted in the 77th Foot. Dated 8th February, 1856.

37th Foot, The third Christian name of Ensign Mason is *Usil*.

42nd Foot, Ensign Thomas Mackenzie, from the 20th Foot, to be Ensign, without purchase. Dated 8th February, 1856.

47th Foot, The appointment of Mr. E. W. Hannill to be a Dispenser of Medicine, to bear date 21st December, 1855, in lieu of the 27th of that month, as previously stated.

50th Foot, George Henry Turner, Gent., to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Gray, who retires. Dated 8th February, 1856.