the said prebend of Thorney (except any right of ecclesiastical patronage) became vested in us on the vacancy of the said prebend, which occurred on or about the seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fiftythree, by the appointment of the Venerable George Bland, Archdeacon of Northumberland, the then prebendary, to a canonry in the Cathedral Church of Durhan, subject to any legally subsisting lease or leases thereof.

"And whereas application has been made to us for the purchase of all our estate and interest in certain portions of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments; and, after due consideration, it appears to us to be expedient that we should be empowered to dispose of our interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, in such manner as shall appear to us to be advisable :

"We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that we may be authorized and empowered, by instrument or instruments in writing duly executed according to law, from time to time to sell and duly to convey, according to the provisions of the said Act, all or any of the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, or endowments heretofore belonging to the said prebend of Thorney, and so vested in us as aforesaid, with their appurtenances, and all our estate, right, title, and interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, unto and to the use of any person or persons desirous or willing to purchase the same, and his or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, or otherwise, as he or they shall direct or appoint, and for such consideration as shall upon due calculation and inquiry appear to us to be just and reasonable.

"And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Act; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the diocese of Chichester.

Wm. L. Bathurst.

Whitehall, March 9, 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 Thomas, Earl of Kenmare, of that part of the said United Kingdom called Ireland, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Baron Kenmare, of Castlerosse, in the county of Kerry.

Foreign-Office, January 15, 1856.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint William Dougal Christie, Esq., now Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Argentine Confederation, to be Her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Argentine Confederation.

Downing-Street, March 10, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint John Harvey Darrell, Esq., to be Chief Justice; Duncan Stewart, Esq., to be Attorney-General; and Seth Harvey, Esq., to be Solicitor-General, for the Bermudas or Somers Islands.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Thomas Butterfield, Esq., late Chief Justice of the Bermudas or Somers Islands, to be a Member of the Legislative Council of those islands.

St. James's Palace, March 6, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased, on the nomination of the Right Honourable Lord Foley, to appoint Charles Richard John Sawyer, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, vice Davies, retired.

St. James's Palace, March 6, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased, on the nomination of the Right Honourable Lord Foley, to appoint Harwick Doncaster, Esq, one of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, vice Lamotte, retired.

Crown-Office, March 8, 1856.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Boston.

Herbert Ingram, of Loudwater Rickmansworth, in the county of Hertford, Esq., in the room of the Honourable Gilbert Henry Heathcote, who has accepted the office, of Steward of Her Majesty's Manor of Hempholme.

March 11.

Borough of Sligo.

The Right Honourable John Wynne, of Hazlewood, in the county of Sligo, in the room of John Sadleir, Esq., deceased.

Westminster, March 7, 1856.

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 funding Exchequer bills and raising money by way of annuities.

An Act for raising five millions by way of annuities.

An Act to apply the sum of one million six hundred and thirty-one thousand and five pounds one shilling and five pence, out of the Consolidated