

Buckingham Palace, March 15, 1856.

This day had audience of Her Majesty ;

James Buchanan, Esq., Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of America, to deliver his letter of recall :

To which he was introduced by Viscount Palmerston, G.C.B., acting for the Earl of Clarendon, K.G., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Major-General the Honourable Sir Edward Cust, K.C.H., Her Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies.

Foreign Office, March 17, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Nathaniel Solomon as Consul at St. Helena for the Grand Duke of Oldenburgh.

Downing-Street, March 15, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint John Scott, Esq., to be Lieutenant-Governor of the District of Natal, in South Africa.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint John Stone, Esq., to be Stipendiary Magistrate for the Western District of the County of St. George, in the Island of Trinidad.

Westminster, March 14, 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 to apply the sum of twenty-six millions, out of the Consolidated Fund, to the service of the year, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

An Act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and for the better payment of the Army and their quarters.

An Act for the regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on shore.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the advance of public money to promote the improvement of land.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
March 17, 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 Consul at Naples, stating that the exportation of the undermentioned articles is permitted at the following rates of duty :—

From the 4th instant to the 31st May next, biscuit and macaroni, on paying one ducat per cantar export duty ; and, from the 4th instant to the 30th April, 1857, lupines, on payment of 50 grains per cantar, and beans 80 grains per cantar, export duty.

War Department, 18th March, 1856.

5th Regiment of Foot.

Lieutenant-General William Lovelace Walton to be Colonel, vice General Sir John Grey, K.C.B., deceased. Dated 20th February, 1856.

War Department, 18th March, 1856.

Royal Regiment of Artillery, Lieutenant John Stirling Stirling to be Second Captain, vice Harding, retired upon half-pay. Dated 4th March, 1856.

The undermentioned Gentlemen to be Lieutenants with temporary rank :

Alexander Doull. Dated 6th March, 1856.

Robert Emmett Cane. Dated 6th March, 1856.

Archibald Hamilton Bell. Dated 6th March, 1856.

Francis Sadleir Stoney. Dated 6th March, 1856.

John Watts Brassington. Dated 6th March, 1856.

George Budd. Dated 6th March, 1856.

John Haughton. Dated 6th March, 1856.

Henry Rogers Tevers. Dated 6th March, 1856.

Robert Lloyd. Dated 6th March, 1856.

James Colquhoun. Dated 6th March, 1856.

Thomas Clarke. Dated 6th March, 1856.

William Godeffroy Brancker. Dated 6th March, 1856.

Donald Roderick Cameron. Dated 6th March, 1856.

William Henry Noble. Dated 6th March, 1856.

George O'Connor. Dated 6th March, 1856.

Richard Newton Young. Dated 6th March, 1856.

Francis Hume Dodgson. Dated 6th March, 1856.

Joseph Haythorne Edgar. Dated 6th March, 1856.

21st Foot,

Lieutenant-Colonel the Honourable J. L. Browne, from a Depot Battalion, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Lord West, who exchanges. Dated 18th March, 1856.

PROVISIONAL DEPOT BATTALION.

Brevet-Colonel C. R. S. Lord West, C.B., from the 21st Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Browne, who exchanges. Dated 18th March, 1856.

LAND TRANSPORT CORPS.

To be Lieutenants.

Serjeant-Major Ralph Norman, from the Mounted Staff Corps. Dated 26th August, 1855.

Thomas Fletcher, Gent. Dated 27th August, 1855.

Farrier-Major William Addy, from 5th Dragoon Guards. Dated 6th September, 1855.

Serjeant James Ollerton, from 30th Foot. Dated 6th September, 1855.

Serjeant-Major J. Watson, from 50th Foot. Dated 10th September, 1855.

Serjeant William Smith, from Rifle Brigade. Dated 15th September, 1855.

Quartermaster-Serjeant William Sykes, from 55th Foot. Dated 18th September, 1855.

Serjeant J. Smith, from 68th Foot. Dated 21st September, 1855.

Serjeant George Donnelly, from Royal Artillery. Dated 22nd September, 1855.

Serjeant John Murphy, from Royal Artillery. Dated 22nd September, 1855.