

*Whitehall, May 1, 1856.*

The Right Honourable Sir John Jervis, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed George Adam Bird, of Kidderminster, in the county of Worcester, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Worcester.

*Whitehall, May 22, 1856.*

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Thomas King the younger, of Brighton, in the county of Sussex, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

#### NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

*Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset House, May 26, 1856.*

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now making for the intended distribution of that portion of proceeds to which the Officers and Crews of Her Majesty's ships are entitled, arising from the Russian vessel Sitka, captured on the 7th September, 1854, by Her Majesty's ships President, Pique, and Virago, in company with His Imperial Majesty's ships La Forte, L'Eurydice, and L'Obligado.

Agents or other persons having any just and legal demand, unliquidated, against the said proceeds are required to transmit the particulars of any such demand to the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, in order that the same may be examined, taxed, and allowed by that officer, and paid under the sanction of the Judge of the said Court.

Agents and all other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments or other instruments, by virtue of which they may be legally entitled to claim the share belonging to any captor, are requested, with as little delay as possible, to transmit the same, accompanied by the usual documents, to the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset House."

Due notice will be given, by future advertisements in the London Gazette, of the date proposed for the commencement of distribution; and, at the same time, the amount of an individual's share in the respective classes will be announced.

Superintendent Registrar's District, Wycombe.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a separate building, named the Upper Chapel, situated at Princes Risborough, in the county of Buckingham, in the district of Wycombe, being a building certified according to law as a place of religious worship, was, on the 21st day of May, 1856, duly registered for solemnizing marriages therein, pursuant to the Act of 6th and 7th Wm. IV., cap. 85.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of May, 1856.

*J. Harman, Superintendent Registrar.*

Severn Navigation Improvement Commission.

(Powers for the Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company, the Companies of Proprietors of the Worcester and Birmingham Canal Navigation, and Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Navigation, and the Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway Company to contribute Funds, guarantee Loans, and raise Money; Extinction of Priorities of certain Mortgages and Securities; Amendment of Acts.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that immediate application is intended to be made to Parliament, in the present session, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter, amend, extend, and enlarge, or repeal the powers and provisions, or some of the powers and provisions, of "The Severn Navigation Act, 1842;" "The Severn Navigation Act, 1844;" "The Severn Navigation Act, 1846;" and "The Severn Navigation Act, 1853."

And provision will also be made in the said Bill for effecting the following objects, or some of them; that is to say:

To empower the Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company, the Company of Proprietors of the Worcester and Birmingham Canal Navigation, the Company of Proprietors of the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Navigation, and the Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway Company, or any one, two, or more of those Companies, jointly or severally, to contribute towards the execution of the works authorised by the said Acts, or by some or one of them, to lend money to the Severn Commissioners, to guarantee and give security for the payment of, and to pay off any principal moneys borrowed and to be borrowed by the Severn Commissioners, and the interest thereof; to apply and appropriate to the purposes aforesaid any funds which those Companies respectively, any or either of them, have raised or are authorised to raise; and to raise for those purposes additional moneys by the creation of new shares or stock in their respective undertakings, either with or without any preference or priority in payment of interest or dividend, or other special rights and privileges, and by borrowing:

To enable the Severn Commissioners to grant to the Companies or Company so advancing or guaranteeing payment of any money as aforesaid, mortgages, bonds, or other securities for the same, and indemnities therefrom:

To enable the Severn Commissioners and the said Companies, any or either of them, to enter into agreements and arrangements for the purposes of the Bill:

To confer upon the mortgages and other securities granted, and to be granted, under the said Bill, and "The Severn Navigation Act, 1853," priority in payment, and other privileges and preferences over the mortgages and other securities granted and to be granted under the powers of the other Acts before mentioned, or some of them, and to repeal the provisions of "The Severn Navigation Act, 1853," and the other Acts before mentioned, relative to the rights and priorities of existing mortgages and securities, and to alter or extinguish some of their rights and priorities:

Also (if and so far as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid) to amend or repeal some of the powers and provisions of the several Acts of Parliament following, or some of them (that is to say), 33 George 3, chapter 97; 37 George 3, chapter 54; and (local and personal Acts) 45 George 3, chapter 104; 58 George 3, chapter 17; 3 George 4, chapter 53; 6 George 4, chapter 113;