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TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1856.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 31, 1856.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold a Levee at St. James's Palace, on Wednesday the 25th of June next, at two o'clock.

The state apartments will not be open for the reception of Company coming to Court, until half-past one o'clock.

War-Department, June 24, 1856.

LORD PANMURE has received a Despatch, of which the following is a copy, addressed to his Lordship by General Sir William Codrington, K.C.B.

Sevastopol, June 7, 1856.

MY LORD,

VISCOUNT GOUGH arrived at head-quarters on the 4th instant; and the investiture of the Order of the Bath took place here yesterday.

Marshal Pelissier and the other French officers attended at the English head-quarters at 11 A.M. The English officers who were to receive the insignia of the Order, the English and French Admirals, and many officers of both nations, fleets, and armies, were present.

The regiments remaining at Sevastopol, numbering about 16,000 men, were assembled on the garden side of this house; a sort of throne, decorated with flags, formed the place of investiture, and the troops were placed about the confined space in the manner best calculated for them to see and be seen.

Having proceeded to the French head-quarters with an escort, I accompanied Marshal Pelissier and a large number of French officers to the ground. The Marshal was received with a salute of artillery and of the other troops.

The warrants of Her Majesty having been read, all present joined in the royal salute which was given. An address was read by Lord Gough to the officers of the English and French armies who were to be invested. The investiture began with Marshal Pelissier, who was introduced by Admiral Sir Houston Stewart and myself, the rest of the officers of both armies in succession.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Lord Gough and Marshal Pelissier rode down the front of the regiments, and, returning to the upper part of

the ground, Lord Gough received the salute of the whole army present, the troops giving three cheers to that distinguished officer.

The parade was then dismissed.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. J. CODRINGTON,
General Commanding.

The Lord Panmure, &c. &c. &c.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 24th day of *June*, 1856.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the 333rd section of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted that, subject to the provisions contained in the fifth part of the said Act, it shall be lawful for every pilotage authority, by Bye-Law made with the consent of Her Majesty in Council, from time to time, amongst other things, to determine the qualifications to be required from persons applying to be licensed as pilots, whether in respect of their age, skill, time of service, character, or otherwise; to make regulations as to the approval and licensing of pilot-boats and ships; to make regulations for the government of the pilots licensed by them, and for insuring their good conduct and their constant attendance to and effectual performance of their duty, either at sea or on shore; to fix the terms and conditions of granting licenses to pilots and apprentices, and to make regulations for punishing any breach of such regulations as aforesaid, committed by such pilots or apprentices by the withdrawal or suspension of their licenses, or by the infliction of certain penalties as in the said Act mentioned; to fix the rates and prices, or other remuneration to be demanded and received, for the time being, by pilots licensed by such authority.

And whereas, the Liverpool Pilot Committee, being the pilotage authority for the port of Liverpool and the seas and channels leading and adjacent thereto, according to the meaning of the said recited Act, have submitted for the consent of Her Majesty in Council certain Bye-Laws (hereunto annexed) for the licensing and government of the pilots under their jurisdiction.

And whereas, it has been made to appear that the said Bye-Laws are proper and reasonable.