Board of Trade, Whitehall, August 4, 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 a copy of the following French Imperial Decree, relative to the importation of certain descriptions of iron.

Art. I.—In conformity with the regulations of the ordinance of 28 May, 1843, sheet iron, iron corners, and other articles of iron intended to be employed in the construction of iron ships and boilers for steam engines, will continue to be admitted free of duty, on condition of an engagement by the importers to re-export, within six months, manufactured articles of the nature of those described above, of a weight equal to the weight of the materials admitted to the privilege of the temporary free import.

Art. II.—Such sheet iron, iron corners, &c., cannot be imported, and iron ships and boilers cannot be re-exported, except through established warehousing ports (entrepôts réels), and through the offices on the frontier open to transit trade.

Art. III.—All deficiencies will give rise to the application of the penalties imposed by the Art. 3 of the law of the 5th July, 1836.

All discovered deficiencies arising from waste in the manufacture may, however, be considered as involving the payment of the duty attaching to the raw material.

Art. IV.—The regulations of the before-recited ordinance of 1843, which are not re-enacted by the present decree, are abolished.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.

Harrington Fulke, Esq., M.D., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 25th July, 1856.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Buckingham.

Charles James Palmer, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Durham.

John Richard Westgarth Hildyard, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 30th July, 1856.

Durham Artillery Regiment of Militia.

First Lieutenant Edward Featherstonhaugh to be Captain, vice Stobart, resigned. Dated 30th July, 1856.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Dorset.

Queen's Own Regiment of Yeoman'ry Cavalry.

Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Rivers to be Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant, vice the Earl of Ilchester, resigned. Dated 25th July, 1856.

Captain the Lord Digby to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice the Lord Rivers, promoted. Dated 26th July, 1856.

Lieutenant John Clavell Mausel to be Captain, vice the Lord Digby, promoted. Dated 26th July, 1856.

Cornet James George John Templer to be Lieutenant, vice Mansel, promoted. Dated 26th July, 1856.

Anthony, Lord Ashley, to be Cornet, vice Templer, promoted. Dated 26th July, 1856.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Bristol.

Royal North Gloucester Regiment of Militia.

William Clarke, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Hunt, promoted. Dated 30th July, 1856.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset House, August 4, 1856.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of proceeds arising from the Finnish barque Preciosa and cargo, captured on the 3rd August, 1855, by Her Majesty's ship Firefly, will commence on Thursday the 28th August, 1856, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset House.

Agents and 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 of any captor, serving in the above-named ships, are requested to present the same at this office.

Any Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other person, who may desire to receive his share from the Collector of Customs or of Inland Revenue within the United Kingdom, is required to intimate the same by letter to be addressed "On Prize Business, to the Secretary of the Admiralty, London,"—in which letter his own place of residence is to be precisely stated, as well as the place of the nearest Collector of Customs, or of Inland Revenue, from whom it would be convenient to receive such share of prize money.

The following are the shares due to an individual in the several classes:—

		£	s.	d.
Flag share		46	12	2
Captain .		110	13	11
Second class		44	0	7
Third class		35	4	4
Fourth class		22	12	10
Fifth class		12	11	7
Sixth class		11	6	5
Seventh class	•	7	11	0
Eighth class		3	15	6
Ninth class		2	10	3
Tenth class		1	5	1

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Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset House, August 4, 1856.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of proceeds arising from sundry deals captured at Rasso, by Her Majesty's ships Firefly and Harrier, and the ship of war L'Aigle, belonging to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of the French, between the 1st and 6th September, 1855, will commence on Thursday the 28th August, 1856, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset House."

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