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

2nd Regiment of the Royal Surrey Militia.

Charles Howard Chaplin, Esq., late Captain in the Turkish Contingent, to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th July, 1856.

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

Warwickshire Militia.

2nd Regiment.

Lieutenant John Digby Wingfield to be Captain, vice Captain J. R. G. Pattison, deceased. Dated 12th June, 1856.

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

4th or Royal South Middlesex Regiment of Militia. George Francis Cooper, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Hale, promoted. Dated 1st August, 1856.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the British Possessions in AMERICA, Computed from the RETURNS made in the Week ending the 5th day of August, 1856,

Is Thirty-two Shillings and Two Pence per Hundred Weight;

Exclusive of the Duties of Customs paid or pavable thereon on the IMPORTATION thereof into GREAT BRITAIN,

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the MAURITIUS, Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,

Is Thirty-one Shillings and Two Pence Halfpenny per Hundred Weight;

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the EAST INDIES, Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty;

Is Thirty-six Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings per Hundred Weight;

The Average Price of the three foregoing Descriptions of SUGAR, jointly,

Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty, Is Thirty-two Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings per Hundred Weight.

By Authority of Parliament,

HENRY BICKNELL, Clerk of the Grocers' Company. Grocers'-Hall, August 8, 1856.

IN conformity with an Act, passed in the session held in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, and in the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for better enabling Her Majesty to confer certain powers and immunities on trading and other companies," notice is hereby given, that an application has been made to Her Majesty to grant a Royal Charter of Incorporation to a Company called "The Chartered Mercantile Bank of Asia," for the purpose of carrying on the general business of banking in the islands of Ceylon, Hong Kong, and the Mauritius, and elsewhere to the eastward of the Cape of Good Hope, with such necessary powers and privileges for enabling them to prosecute and carry on the said undertaking,

and under such provisions and restrictions, regulations, and conditions as Her Majesty in Her royal wisdom might seem fit to prescribe; and that the said application has been referred by Her Majesty to the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations.—Dated this 1st day of August, 1856.

Hughes, Kearsey, Masterman, and Hughes, Solicitors, 17, Bucklersbury.

Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Office of the Commissioners of Patents for 1826. Inventions.

OTICE is hereby given, that the petition of William Franklin Shaw, of the State of Massachusetts, of the United States of America, praying for letters patent for the invention of "an improved burner or apparatus for the combustion of air and inflammable gas," was deposited and recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 1st day of August, 1856, and a complete specification accompanying such petition was at the same time filed in the said office.

Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions.

OTICE is hereby given, that provisional protection has been allowed

1669. To John Bourne, of No. 9, Billiter-street, in the city of London, and county of Middlesex, Civil Engineer and Patent Agent, for the invention of "an improved construction of paddle wheels, usually termed feathering paddle wheels."—A communication.

On his petition, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 16th day of July, 1856.

1683. To John Cartwright, of Shrewsbury, in the county of Salop, Agricultural Implement Manufacturer, for the invention of "improvements in agricultural implements, called chain harrows, for more effectually dressing and cleaning land." On his petition, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 17th day of July, 1856.

1715. To Elias Leak, of Longton, in the county of Stafford, Lathemaker, for the invention of "a thimble pillar, with points and branches, to be used in placing 'glost' china and earthen-ware in ovens and kilns, when firing, burning, or baking such ware, in lieu of the cockspurs and stilts now in use for that purpose."

1717. To Francis Barbour, of the city of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Linen Manufacturer, for the invention of "improvements in pen holders."—A communication from Ebenezer W. Hanson and Emanuel G. Kromer, of Philadelphia, U. S. of America.

1719. To James Clark, of Newton-heath, Manchester, India Rubber Manufacturer, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture

of waterproof fabrics."

1721. To John Gedge, of No. 4, Wellingtonstreet South, Strand, in the county of Middlesex, Patent Agent, for the invention of "improvements in obtaining and applying motive power." -A communication from Victor Cantillon, residing in Belgium.

1723. To Maurice Vergnes, of the city and state of New York, United States of America, for the invention of "improvements in electrogalvanic machines for producing motion by galvanic electricity."