on the 19th July last, and which appeared in the London Gazette of the 6th October, 1856.

1. The capes to which the law of July 19th refers, are those of Santa Maria and San Antonio, at the entrance of the River Plate.

2. The trade carried on by the Cordillera of the Andes comes within Article 2 of the Law, and will continue to pay simply the ordinary duty.

3. The said Article 2 of the Law does not forbid vessels coming from outside the capes, bound for the ports of the Confederation, to touch at the intermediate ports of the River Plate.

- 4. The said vessels can bring cargo for the ports of the River Plate and for others of the Confederation, without the fact of their doing so, or of the discharge of the part destined for them, involving the merchandize directed to the ports of the Confederation in the payment of differential duties.
- 5. Also merchandize coming from outside the capes which, having been directed to the ports of the River Plate, has been sent on, either all or in part, to those of the Confederation without having been discharged or transhipped in the former ports, will be considered as coming under Article 2 of the Law.
- 6. As a general rule all merchandize introduced into the Confederation in vessels which have touched at intermediate ports inside the capes, shall be subject to the differential duties, if the parties interested do not clearly prove that they are included in Articles 3, 4 or 5 of the present decree.

7. To facilitate the fulfilment of the preceding Article, the Argentine Commercial Agent at Buenos Ayres, and the Consul General at Monte Video, shall be authorized, in the cases mentioned in the said Articles 3, 4 and 5, at the request of the parties interested to deliver proper certificates, having previously taken all necessary steps for the full verification of the fact which they certify.

## War-Office, Pall-Mall, 7th April, 1857.

Military Train, Colonel William M. S. McMurdo, from Director-General of the Land Transport Corps, to be Colonel-Commandant. Dated 1st April, 1857.

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

Queen's Own Oxfordshire Yeomanry Cavalry.
William Fermor Ramsay, Gent., to be Cornet, vice Lyon, retired. Dated 2nd April, 1857.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

1st Regiment of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Militia.

Frederick George Whitehead, Esq., late Captain in the 42nd Highlanders, to be Captain from the 20th day of February last, vice Archibald James Campbell, resigned. Dated 3rd April, 1857.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having certified to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, that there was no surplus of actual revenue on the actual

expenditure of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the year ended the 31st December, 1856,

The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt hereby give notice, that no sum will be applied by them on account of the Sinking Fund, under the provisions of the Act 10th George Fourth, cap. 27, between the 1st day of April and the 30th day of June, 1857.

A. Y. Spearman, Comptroller-General. National Debt Office, 4th April, 1857.

## Whitehall, March 31, 1857.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed George Winn, of Askrigg and Hawes, in the county of York, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

N conformity with an Act, passed in the session held in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to regulate Joint Stock Banks in England," notice is hereby given, that an application has been made to Her Majesty to grant letters patent under the said Act incorporating a certain Company, called "The Agra and United Service Bank," for the term of 20 years, for the purpose of carrying on the business of Bankers in England, or elsewhere, as the Court of Directors may from time to time appoint, subject to such provisions and stipulations as Her Majesty in Her royal wisdom might see fit; and that the said application has been referred by Her Majesty to the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations.—Dated this 24th day of March, 1857.

Lacy and Bridges, Solicitors, 19, King's Arms-yard.

Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions.

OTICE is hereby given, that-

2806. Henry Eastman Palmer, of Stonehouse, in the county of Devon, Artist, has given notice at the Office of the Commissioners of his intention to proceed with his application for letters patent for the invention of "improvements in photographic apparatus."

As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 26th day of November, 1856.

2818. And Joseph M. Saunders, of Menloe, Rathgar, Dublin, and 16, Westmorland-street, Dublin, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in cooking ranges." As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 28th day of November, 1856.

2823. And John George Taylor, Merchant, Glasgow, county of Lanark, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in pencil cases."

As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 29th day of November, 1856.

2843. And Francis Peabody, late of the United States of America, but now residing in St. James'-street, in the city of Westminster, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improved apparatus for obtaining motive power by the action of the wind."

As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 1st day of December, 1856.