

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 29th day of December, 1857,

Is *Thirty Shillings and Four Pence Halfpenny* per Hundred Weight;

Exclusive of the Duties of Customs paid or payable thereon on the IMPORTATION thereof into GREAT BRITAIN.

No Return has been made of the Sale of BROWN or MUSCOVADO SUGAR, the Produce of the MAURITIUS, in the Week ending as above.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

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

Is *Thirty-one Shillings and Five Pence Farthing* per Hundred Weight;

The AVERAGE PRICE of the two foregoing Descriptions of SUGAR, jointly,

Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,

Is *Thirty Shillings and Seven Pence Three Farthings* per Hundred Weight.

By Authority of Parliament,

HENRY BICKNELL,
Clerk of the Grocers' Company.

Grocers'-Hall, January 1, 1858.

Tenders for construction of a Railway from Cape Town to Wellington, to be guaranteed six per Cent. by the Colonial Government.

THE following advertisement has been inserted in the Cape Town Gazette by His Excellency the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope:

"GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

"Colonial Office, Cape of Good Hope, 3rd August, 1857.

"Whereas, by an Act, No. 20 of 1857, entitled 'An Act for the construction of a Railway from Cape Town to Wellington,' His Excellency the Governor is empowered 'to make and conclude with any Joint Stock Company, and upon the best terms for the colony which the said Governor shall be able to secure, a contract for the construction and working of the railway hereinbefore in the preamble to this Act described, provided that it shall be stipulated in such contract that the sum upon which the annual interest aforesaid of six per cent. per annum shall be guaranteed by the Colonial Government shall not exceed the sum actually expended in the construction of the said Railway, nor exceed, in any case, the sum of £500,000,' His Excellency has directed it to be notified for general information, that a communication has been made to Her Majesty's Government, requesting that a competent officer may be appointed to invite by publication in the London Gazette offers for the construction of the aforesaid railway, and to examine and report upon any tender which may consequently be received. Such offers may have reference to the amount of capital, or rate of interest for which a guarantee will be required.

"Parties tendering will be required to submit or to make arrangements for submitting, after a complete and final survey, a definite line of railway between the two termini named in the Act before recited, for the approval of the Colonial Government.

"Persons in this colony who are desirous of making offers for the construction of this railway, or of obtaining further information upon the subject, are invited to communicate with the Colonial Government, or with the officers hereafter to be named in the notice which will appear in the London Gazette, from whom, or from the Colonial Secretary in Cape Town, they will be able to obtain such information as those officers can respectively furnish.

"The Colonial Government does not, by inviting offers in England for the construction of this railway, preclude itself from at once accepting any advantageous offer which may be made in this colony.

"By command of His Excellency the Governor,

"Rawson W. Rawson,

"Colonial Secretary."

In accordance with the above advertisement, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies has appointed Captain Douglas Galton, Royal Engineers, of the Board of Trade, Whitehall, to examine and report upon the tenders which may be received, and persons desirous of tendering are invited to communicate with Captain D. Galton, who will furnish them with a sketch of the proposed line and other information.

Tenders to be sent on or before the 25th instant, to

Edward Barnard, Agent General for Crown Colonies.
5, Cannon-row, Westminster.
1st January, 1858.

Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the petition of James Cottrill, of Studley, in the county of Warwick, Needle Manufacturer, praying for letters patent for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of certain descriptions of needles," was deposited and recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 28th day of December, 1857, 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.

NOTICE is hereby given, that provisional protection has been allowed

2666. To Jean Schmidt, of Kernsbach, and of 32, Essex-street, Strand, London, Engineer, for the invention of "an improved method of making tyres for railway wheels."

On his petition, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 19th day of October, 1857.

2786. To Peter Armand Le Comte de Fontaine Moreau, of Paris, London, and Brussels, Patent Solicitor, for the invention of "improvements in marine or condensing steam engines."—A communication.

On his petition, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners, on the 3rd day of November, 1857.

3050. To Richard Reeves Cox, of Kentish Town, in the county of Middlesex, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of fire