

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Sussex.*

*Light Infantry Battalion of the Royal Sussex Militia.*

John Charles William Lever, Gent., to be Ensign.  
Dated 26th December, 1857.  
Samuel Septimus Hire, Gent., to be Ensign.  
Dated 26th December, 1857.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Huntingdon.*

*Huntingdonshire Militia.*

Frederick James Rooper, Esq., late Lieutenant of Her Majesty's 38th Regiment of Foot, to be First Lieutenant. Dated 18th December, 1857.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having certified to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in pursuance of the Act, 10 Geo. 4, c. 27, sec. 1, that the actual surplus revenue of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, beyond the actual expenditure thereof, for the year ended the 30th day of September, 1857, amounted to the sum of four hundred and eighty-four thousand three hundred and thirty-six pounds three shillings and four pence ;

The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt hereby give notice, that the sum of one hundred and twenty-one thousand and eight-four pounds and ten pence, being one-fourth part of the said surplus of four hundred and eight-four thousand three hundred and thirty-six pounds three shillings and four pence, will be applied, under the provisions of the said Act, between the 6th day of January, 1858, and the 31st day of March, 1858, to the following purposes ; viz. :

To be applied towards the Reduction of the National Debt	121,084	0	10
Add Interest receivable on account of Donations and Bequests, to be applied to the purchase of Stock .....	7,409	0	0
	£128,493	0	10

National Debt Office, December 31, 1857.

*A. Y. Spearman, Comptroller-General.*

*Whitehall, December 18, 1857.*

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Arthur Weston, of Brackley, in the county of Northampton, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

*Somerset House, January 1, 1858.*

NOTICE.—By order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, the place for the receipt of Corn Returns at Wellington, in Exeter Collection, will, in future, be at the Corn Market, Wellington.

*Thos. Dobson, Assistant Secretary.*

*Somerset House, January 1, 1858.*

NOTICE.—By order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, the place for the receipt of Corn Returns at Market Rasen, in Lincoln Collection, will, in future, be at the Corn Exchange, Market Rasen.

*Thos. Dobson, Assistant Secretary.*

*Somerset House, January 2, 1858.*

NOTICE.—By order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, the place for the receipt of Corn Returns at Hitchin, in Ware Collection, will in future be at the Corn Exchange, Hitchin.

*Thos. Dobson, Assistant Secretary.*

*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