

From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Rochester, in the county of Kent.
 From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Warwick.
 From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Devonport.
 From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Bodmin.
 From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Richmond, in the county of York.
 From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Inhabitants of the city of Winchester.
 From the Inhabitants of Ramsgate and its vicinity.
 From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Nottingham.
 From the Master, Pilots, and Seamen of the Trinity House of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 From the London Committee of Deputies of the British Jews.
 From the Master, Assistants, and Members of the Company of Merchants of the city of Edinburgh.
 From Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the royal burgh of Inverness.
 From the Master, Wardens, Searchers, Assistants, Commonalty of the Corporation of Cutlers in Hallamshire, in the county of York.
 From the Magistrates and Town Council of Hawick.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 3rd day of *February*, 1858,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Sir Cresswell Cresswell, Knight, was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

Her Majesty having been pleased to deliver the custody of the Privy Seal to the Most Honourable Ulick John, Marquis of Clanricarde, the oath of Keeper of the Privy Seal was this day administered to him, and his Lordship took his place at the Board accordingly.

This day, upon a representation of the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, Her Majesty in Council was pleased to appoint the Reverend Benjamin Morgan Cowie, B.D., late Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, to be one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, in the room of the Reverend Frederick Temple, resigned; and John Black, Esquire, to be one of Her Majesty's Assistant Inspectors of Schools in Scotland.

Buckingham-Palace, February 3, 1858.

This day had audience of Her Majesty :

The Count Chreptowitch, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Emperor of all the Russias, to deliver his letter of recall ;

Also Rear-Admiral Van Dockum, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of Denmark, to deliver his credentials :

To which audiences they were respectively introduced by the Earl of Clarendon, K.G., &c., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs ; and conducted by Major-General the Honourable Sir Edward Cust, K.C.H., Her Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies.

Buckingham Palace, February 3, 1858.

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon William Hodges, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Cape of Good Hope.

War-Office, February 5, 1858.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to make and ordain a Special Statute of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, for the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel Vincent Eyre, of the Bengal Artillery, to be an Extra Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order, and to assign to him place among the Companions of the said Order, after Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Gaitskell, Bengal Artillery, and before Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Reid, 10th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry.

Duchy of Lancaster, February 3, 1858.

The Queen has been this day pleased to appoint George Marton, of Capernwray Hall, Esq., to be Sheriff of the County Palatine of Lancaster for the year ensuing.

Foreign-Office, February 2, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Carl Julius Muller to be Consul at Sydney for His Majesty the King of Saxony.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Carl Julius Muller as Consul at Sydney for His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Oldenburgh.

Foreign-Office, February 4, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Oloff John Früter as Consul at Cape Town, for His Majesty the King of the Netherlands.

NOTICE.

Foreign-Office, February 3, 1858.

THE Ambassador of His Majesty the Emperor of the French having notified to the Earl of Clarendon, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that the Consul-General and other Consular Officers of His Imperial Majesty in the United Kingdom will no longer grant passports to other than subjects of His Imperial Majesty, notice is hereby given, that in order to facilitate the obtaining of passports by British subjects desiring to proceed to the Continent, the conditions of the Fifth Regulation under which such passports have hitherto been issued at the Foreign Office will be extended as hereinafter described.

According to that Regulation passports have hitherto been granted "to British-born subjects, or to Ionians, or to such foreigners as have become naturalized either by Act of Parliament or by a certificate of naturalization granted by the Secretary of State for the Home Department," who were either known to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, or recommended to him by some person who was known to him, or upon the application of any banking firm established in London,