

ing by the naval and military forces under the command of Rear-Admiral Sir Rigault de Genouilly, Major-General Van Straubenzee, and myself, and was taken by escalade. Full particulars will be given by the next packet.

2. Our gratification at this quick success, with trifling loss, has been damped by a great calamity, in the death of Captain William Thornton Bate, of Her Majesty's ship *Actæon*, who was killed by a gingall ball, whilst reconnoitering a suitable spot for placing our scaling ladders.

3. This sad event has thrown a gloom over the whole force, Captain Bate being no less beloved for his many virtues, than respected and admired for his professional ability. By the death of Captain Bate, Her Majesty has lost a most able, zealous, and faithful servant.

4. We have the loss of one other officer to deplore, Lieutenant Hackett, of the 59th. Regiment, who, shortly after landing, was murdered by a party of Chinese soldiers.

5. I have only heard of two officers wounded, Lieutenant Lord Gilford, of the *Calcutta*, severely, arm broken by a gingall ball; and Mr. Thompson, Midshipman of the *Sanspareil*, severely wounded by a rocket. I am busily employed with my gallant colleagues in securing our position.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) M. SEYMOUR,
Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty,
London.

Foreign-Office, February 3, 1858.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Edward St. John Neale, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Patras.

Foreign-Office, February 4, 1858.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Horatio Bronte Suter, Esquire, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Varna.

Foreign-Office, February 5, 1858.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Robert Godschall Johnson, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Charente.

Foreign-Office, February 15, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Alfred Lewton Hodges, as Vice-Consul for the Ports of Dover, Margate, Ramsgate, and Deal, for the Mexican Republic.

Downing-Street, February 16, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Philip Dottin Souper, Esq., to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the Island of Mauritius; Evenor Dupont, Esq., to be Registrar of the Supreme Court; Charles Telfair, Esq., to be District Magistrate; Charles La Blache, Esq., to be District Clerk; and Andrew Cathcart, Esq. (lately employed on a particular service in Turkey, with the local rank of Major), to be Superintendent of Police for the said Island.

Whitehall, February 16, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland granting to John Hammond, Esq., the office of Bailiff of the Island of Jersey, in the room of Sir Thomas Le Breton, deceased.

Whitehall, February 16, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto George Francis Carlyon, of Trevella, in the parish of Saint Erme, in the county of Cornwall, Esquire, Her royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in pursuance of a proviso contained in an indenture made the 31st day of May, 1853, by George Simmons, of Trevella aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, henceforth take and use the surname of Simmons only, in lieu of that of Carlyon:

And also to command that the said royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise to be void, and of none effect.

*The Prince of Wales' Council Chamber,
Buckingham Gate,
15th February, 1858.*

Henry Bouverie William Brand, Esq., one of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, has been appointed Keeper of the Privy Seal of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, in the room of The Viscount Monck, resigned.

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

William Entwisle, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.
Dated 12th February, 1858.

Thomas Eccles, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.
Dated 12th February, 1858.

Thomas Bayley Potter, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 12th February, 1858.

John Baynes, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.
Dated 12th February, 1858.

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

The Essex Rifles.

Major Edward Henry Moore Kelly to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice the Honourable Charles Henry Maynard, appointed Honorary Colonel.
Dated 2nd February, 1858.

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

Royal South Lincoln Militia.

Robert Stewart Blackett, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice John Robert Bankes, resigned. Dated 23rd January, 1858.