

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

Leicestershire Militia.

Charles William Story, Gent., to be Ensign.
Dated 13th February, 1858.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Merioneth.

Royal Merionethshire Militia.

Owen Richards, Gent., to be Surgeon, vice Rice Hugh Anwyl, Gent., deceased. Dated 15th November, 1857.

Charles Henry Lewis Lee, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Arthur Edward Morgan, Gent., promoted to Her Majesty's 11th Regiment of Foot. Dated 15th February, 1858.

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

Light Infantry Battalion of the Royal Sussex Militia.

Charles Ashburnham Floyd, Gent., to be Ensign.
Dated 13th February, 1858.

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

Royal North Lincoln Militia.

Robert Kiero Watson, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Coyne, resigned. Dated 13th February, 1858.

Exchequer Bills.

Office of Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, Whitehall, February 22, 1858.

The Exchequer Bills, dated in the month of March, 1857 (per Act 19 Vict., cap. 19, anno 1856), with the interest due thereon, will be paid off on the 15th March, 1858, when the interest will cease. Such bills will be received at this office daily, from half-past ten till three o'clock, until the 8th day of March, 1858, inclusive.

Printed forms, containing instructions for the preparation of the lists and the arrangement of the bills, may be obtained on application at this Office.

The bearers must endorse each bill with their usual signatures, and they must insert their names and addresses, in each list; and where the names of holders are inserted in the bills, the indorsements of such holders must also be obtained previously to their lists and bills being left for examination.

New bills, bearing interest at the rate of *two pence* by the day, upon every one hundred pounds, and dated the said 15th day of March, 1858, may be obtained in payment of the principal of the whole, or part, of the Exchequer Bills issued under the Act above mentioned, on the claimants specifying, in their lists, the amount of new bills required by them.

The new bills, together with the interest on the bills left on or before the said 8th day of March for exchange, will be issued on the 16th day of March, 1858; the bearers must attend at this Office to sign receipts for the payment of principal and interest.

Payment, in money, may be obtained at this Office for any of the said Exchequer Bills, previously to the said 15th day of March, 1858, upon the claimants leaving the bills for examination one day prior to that on which such payment is desired.

N.B.—All Exchequer Bills dated prior to March, 1857, have been previously advertised to be paid off.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 17.) **BALTIC—GULF OF FINLAND.**

Fixed Lights in Kronstat Roads.

THE Russian Government has given Notice that lights are exhibited from two wooden light-houses erected on Nicholas battery, Kronslott or Castle, on the south side of the roadstead of Kronstat.

The upper or easternmost light is a *fixed white* light, illuminating an arc of 10° from W.N.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. to W.N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W., and visible in clear weather at a distance of about 9 miles. It is also visible to the eastward from N. by E. to S. by W.

The lower light is *fixed, red*, and may be seen westward, in clear weather, from a distance of about 8 miles. The limits of its angle of illumination are not strongly defined, and the light can be seen when on the shoals in the roads.

Vessels navigating the western roadstead of Kronstat at night may proceed with safety by keeping these lights in line W. N.W., which leads through mid-channel, or by keeping the white upper light in sight. In order to maintain a clear channel, no vessel will be allowed to anchor on the bearing of these two lights in line.

(All bearings are magnetic. Variation, 5° West in 1857.)

By command of their Lordships,
John Washington, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
6th February, 1858.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts—Baltic, General Index, No. 2262; Sheet 7. No. 2192; St. Petersburg Bay, No. 2239; Kronstat, Nos. 2215 and 2215 a. Also Russian Lights List, No. 172*.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 18.) **NORTH AND BALTIC SEAS.**

Variation of the Compass, 1858.

THE following information respecting the Variation of the Compass in the North and Baltic Seas—in continuation of that relating to the British Isles, published by order of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in August 1857,—is made public in order to apprise mariners of the decrease in the variation, which in the North Sea at present averages 7 minutes annually, and in the Baltic Sea about 5 minutes; as also to enable mariners and agents for the sale of charts to correct the numerous sailing directions and charts now in use, in which the variation is erroneously noted.

From the eastern coast of the British Isles to the Kattegat, the present general direction of the lines of equal variation is N. by E. and S. by W. (true), ranging in amount from 25° to 16° ;—and from the Kattegat to the Gulf of Finland, the lines of equal variation are nearly north and south (true), ranging from 16° to 5° westerly.

Eastern Coast of British Isles.

Lerwick and Sumburgh Head	-	-	25° W.
Pentland and Moray Firths	-	-	$25\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ "
Buchanness and Fifeness	-	-	$24\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ "
Holy and Farn Islands	-	-	24° "
Shields, Sunderland, and Hartlepool	-	-	$23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ "
Flamborough Head	-	-	$22\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ "
The Wash and Dudgeon	-	-	22° "
Leman and Ower, Yarmouth and Orfordness	-	-	$21\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ "
River Thames	-	-	$21\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ "