

near the city of Bristol, and all the estate, right, title and interest of the said bishop and his successors, Bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, in and to the same, together with certain lands attached thereto, containing, by estimation, fifty-three acres and three roods, with a water corn-mill and premises, be the same quantity little more or less, and every part thereof, unto and to the use of such person or body corporate, and for such consideration as might be recommended in a scheme prepared by us and ratified by an Order of your Majesty in Council.

"And whereas an offer for the purchase of the said house, with the lands and premises attached thereto, at the price of twelve thousand pounds, has been made by the Society of Merchant Venturers of the city of Bristol aforesaid, and it appears to us that the said sum of twelve thousand pounds is a fair and reasonable price for the said house, with the lands and premises attached.

"Now, therefore, we humbly recommend and propose, with the consent of the Right Reverend Charles, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, in testimony whereof he has signed this scheme, and affixed thereto his episcopal seal, that the said bishop or his successors may be authorised and empowered to sell for the said sum of twelve thousand pounds, and duly to convey to the said Society of Merchant Venturers of the city of Bristol, or to such person or persons as they may appoint, the said house of residence, situate at Stapleton, together with the lands and premises attached thereto, and all the estate, right, title, and interest of him, the said bishop, and his successors, Bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, in and to the same and every part thereof.

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law, immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Act; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased, hereby, to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the respective Registrars of the two several registries of the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, at Bristol and Gloucester.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*

*St. James's Palace, February 23, 1859.*

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon William George Armstrong, Esq., F.R.S., of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Engineer to the War Department for Rifled Ordnance.

*Whitehall, February 24, 1859.*

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto the Reverend Walter Farquhar Hook, D.D., the Deanery of Her Majesty's cathedral church of Chichester, void by the death of the Reverend Doctor George Chandler.

*Foreign-Office, February 21, 1859.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint George Staunton Morrison, Esq., now Secretary to Her Majesty's Superintendency in China, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Nagasaki, in Japan.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Christopher Pemberton Hodgson, Esq., now British Vice-Consul at Caen, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Hakodadi, in Japan.

*Foreign-Office, February 24, 1859.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Beaumont Hotham Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Calais.

*St. James's Palace, February 23, 1859.*

The Queen has been pleased, on the nomination of the Right Honourable the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, to appoint James Hanning, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, vice Captain J. A. Hunter, resigned.

*Crown-Office, February 22, 1859.*

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

*County of York.*

*West Riding.*

Sir John William Ramsden, of Byram, in the said county, Bart., in the room of George Frederick Robinson, commonly called Viscount Goderich, now Earl of Ripon, called to the House of Peers.

*February 23.*

*Borough of Enniskillen.*

The Honourable John Lowry Cole, in the room of the Right Honourable James Whiteside, who has accepted the office of Steward of Her Majesty's Manor of Hempholme.

*February 25.*

*Borough of Marylebone.*

Edwin John James, Esq., of Pall-mall, in the county of Middlesex, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, in the room of Hugh Fortescue, commonly called Viscount Ebrington, who has accepted the office of Steward of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
February 25, 1859.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Vienna, reporting that the Austrian Government has issued an order, permitting silk cocoons to be imported into the Lombardo-Venetian Kingdom, and the raw silk produced from them to be exported, free of duty.