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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
June 20, 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 Consul at Lisbon, transmitting a copy of a Portuguese Royal Decree authorizing the importation, free of duty, into the Cape Verd Islands, of the following articles, until the end of the year 1860:—Indian corn, rice, broad beans, French beans, Indian corn flour and mandioc flour, mutton, beef or pork, fresh or salt, including bacon and hogs' lard.

The same decree authorizes the free importation, until the end of the year 1863, of horned cattle, sheep, goats, horses, mules, swine and camels, and also exempts such animals from the tithe or disimo tax during the same period, and permits the importation, from the 1st January, 1860, to the end of the year 1863, of hogs' lard, mutton, beef and pork, fresh or salt, free of duty if of Portuguese production and imported from a Portuguese port in a Portuguese vessel, and subject to a duty of 10 per cent. if foreign produce. Indian corn flour imported after the 1st January, 1860, will be subject to a duty of 200 reis per barrel, if of foreign produce, and will be admitted free if of Portuguese production, imported from a Portuguese port, in a Portuguese vessel.

The cattle and animals above referred to will, until the end of the year 1864, if exported from the Cape Verd Islands to any continental port of Portugal, be considered as foreign, although they may be Portuguese produce. The cereals and animal food, also previously referred to, will be regarded equally, if exported from the Cape Verd Islands to Portugal, as of foreign production until the end of the year 1860.

*War-Office, Pall-Mall,
21st June, 1859.*

COMMISSARIAT DEPARTMENT.

Deputy Commissary-General William Henry Drake, C.B., to be Commissary-General. Dated 21st June, 1859.

CHAPLAIN'S DEPARTMENT.

The Reverend Edward J. Rogers, Chaplain of the Fourth Class, to be Chaplain of the Third Class. Dated 26th March, 1859.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Bristol.

William Montague Baillie, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 15th June, 1859.

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

90th, or Stirlingshire, &c., Highland Borderers Light Infantry Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant John Henderson to be Captain, vice Robert Stuart McGregor, resigned.

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

Western Regiment of Suffolk Militia.

Lord Augustus Henry Charles Hervey to be Lieutenant. Dated 15th June, 1859.

Commissions signed by the Vice Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

7th Regiment of Lancashire Militia.

Lieutenant John Hamilton to be Captain, vice George Davison Bland, resigned. Dated 9th June, 1859.

Ensign George Edward Gorton to be Lieutenant, vice John Hamilton, promoted. Dated 9th June, 1859.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

6th Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia.

John Clarke Swanton, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 16th June, 1859.

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

1st or Western Regiment of Norfolk Militia.

George Hill, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 14th June, 1859.

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

Royal North Lincoln Militia.

Charles Frederick Sharp, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 13th June, 1859.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such Warrant, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and to make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant in writing under their hands, duly made, and bearing date at Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, in exercise of the power or authority in them for that purpose vested, in and by the said recited Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and (amongst other colonies) Malta (direct or through any other colony, or through any foreign country), there should be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform British rate of sixpence; and that on every letter transmitted as mentioned in the said