

War-Office, August 17, 1859.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to make and ordain a Special Statute of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, authorising the following appointments to the said Order :

To be an Extra Member of the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders; viz. :

Colonel David Edward Wood, C.B., of the Royal Artillery.

To be an Extra Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions; viz. :
Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Wylie Norman, of the Bengal Army.

By virtue of an Act, passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty as authorizes the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out writs for the election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein mentioned, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes:"

I do hereby give notice, that the death of the Honourable Robert Windsor Clive, late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the southern division of the county of Salop, hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two Members serving in this present Parliament, and that I shall issue my warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said southern division of the county of Salop, at the end of fourteen days after the insertion of this notice in the London Gazette.

Given under my hand this seventeenth day of August, 1859.

JOHN EVELYN DENISON, Speaker.

Crown-Office.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

August 16, 1859.

Borough of Bodmin.

James Wyld, Esq., of No. 51, Gloucester-road, Regent's Park, in the room of William Michell, Esq., who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead.

August 18, 1859.

Borough of Devonport.

Sir Arthur Buller, Knt., in the room of the Right Honourable James Wilson, who has accepted the office of Steward of Her Majesty's Manor of Kemptolme.

NOTICE TO SHIPOWNERS AND MASTERS.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
August 17, 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 Decree which was published in the *Monitore Toscano* of the 22nd ultimo, instituting a new system of measurement for Tuscan and foreign vessels, in the place of that formerly in use.

The following is a translation of the Decree:—

The Government of Tuscany, considering that the present system of the computation of tonnage is burthensome to the commerce of Tuscan vessels, inasmuch as it differs from that adopted by the principal maritime powers in the points of mensuration, which yield as the result a smaller amount of tonnage; and being desirous of securing to shippers the advantages to be derived from a similar method of computation;

On the proposition of the Minister of Finance, Commerce, and Public Works—

DECREES:—

Art. I.—The capacity or burthen both of sailing and steam vessels, whether national or foreign, shall in future be reckoned in tons, their dimensions being measured in the following manner.

Length.

For a one-decked vessel—

From stem to stern along the level of the deck, that is from the poop to the prow (internally).

For a two-decked vessel—

Add to the first length that which is comprised between the stern-post and the stem, measured along the floor of the second deck, and divide the sum of the two lengths by two, to obtain the medium length.

Width.

At the main beam, or point of the greatest width of the vessel.

For vessels having an inner fixed planking, from one surface to the other of that planking.

For those with a moveable planking, or with no planking, between the two inner boards.

Height.

At the point of the greatest width.

For a one-decked vessel—

From under the floor of the deck, without reckoning the aperture for the mast, or the cross beams of the deck, to the upper side of the floor of the store room (*pagliolo*).

For a two-decked vessel—

From under the floor of the deck as above, to that of the gangway, and from under that to the store room.

Art. II.—These three dimensions shall be expressed in metres and their decimal fractions, and after multiplying such products into each other, the produce shall be divided by 3.80, and the quotient shall indicate the amount of the tonnage of the vessel.

Art. III.—The computation of steam vessels shall be reckoned in a similar manner; but forty