

of infantry for the protection of the island; those two companies he sent on as soon as the 4th Foot arrived at the Mauritius, and, upon a second application from this Government, he again sent us a wing of the latter regiment. It is impossible, I think, for any man to have done more than Sir James Higginson did, and I should sincerely rejoice, if his conduct upon this occasion was rewarded by some conspicuous mark of the approbation of Her Majesty's Government.

Sir George Grey's hearty and efficient assistance calls also, I venture humbly to think, for some recognition.

I may be forgiven for stating a fact which was related to me by Captain Jenkins, who was sent with the letters which we addressed to the Governors of the Mauritius and the Cape, by one of the steamers which we engaged for the conveyance of troops from those colonies. I had suggested that, if possible, artillery horses might be sent with the artillerymen from the Cape. There was a difficulty in getting a sufficient number of trained and serviceable horses, and Sir George Grey actually sent his own carriage horses to make up the quota.

Having ventured to mention the great and invaluable assistance rendered to the Government of India by two high officers independent of it, I hope that I may be permitted to allude to the cordial and friendly co-operation which this Government has received, throughout the disturbances, from His Excellency the Governor-General of Portuguese India, the Viscount de Torres Novas. I believe that it is not generally known that, in permitting British troops to land at Goa during the Monsoon of 1857, His Excellency was acting in opposition to his Council, and in violation of the Portuguese laws. He did not tell me so at the time; but, in a private letter which I received from him some months ago, he mentioned that his conduct had been approved by the King's Government, and that a bill of indemnity had been passed, absolving him from any penalties he might have incurred. I think this fact sufficiently shows the friendly disposition which has marked the conduct of the present Governor-General of Portuguese India, which has been further manifested in the operations against the Phoon Sawunts, and in the transportation of these rebels (as well as of some of the Peint insurgents who sought refuge in the Demau territory) to the Portuguese penal settlement of Timor.

ELPHINSTONE.

18th August, 1859.

Whitehall, November 28, 1859.

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 unto Walter Aston Blount, Esquire, Chester Herald, the office of Norroy, King of Arms and Principal Herald of the north parts of England, vacant by the promotion of Robert Laurie, Esquire, to the office of Clarenceux, King of Arms.

Downing-Street, November 29, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Dr. David Shier to be Medical Inspector of Estates' Hospitals in the Colony of British Guiana.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
November 28, 1859.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Lisbon, enclosing a copy of a Portuguese Royal Order, imposing a fine equal to the amount of Port Charges, upon the Masters of Vessels arriving in Ballast from ports where there is a Portuguese Consul or Vice-Consul, and neglecting to present a certificate of the quality and quantity of the Ballast on board their vessels.

*War-Office, Pall-Mall,
29th November, 1859.*

7th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Captain John Gore, from the 10th Light Dragoons, to be Captain, vice Pedder, who exchanges. Dated 29th November, 1859.

10th Light Dragoons, Captain Richard Newsam Pedder, from the 7th Light Dragoons, to be Captain, vice Gore, who exchanges. Dated 29th November, 1859.

Military Train, Lieutenant John Taylor to be Adjutant, vice Lieutenant Sweeny, promoted Second Captain Coast Brigade of Artillery. Dated 29th November, 1859.

Ensign Alexander McDonald to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Sweeny, promoted Second Captain Coast Brigade of Artillery. Dated 29th November, 1859.

Coldstream Guards, Lieutenant and Captain and Brevet-Major Gerald Littlehales Goodlake to be Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel, by purchase, vice Newdigate, who retires. Dated 29th November, 1859.

Ensign and Lieutenant the Honourable Edward Henry Legge to be Lieutenant and Captain, by purchase, vice Goodlake. Dated 29th November, 1859.

Cornet Charles Walter Lee-Mainwaring, from the 5th Dragoon Guards, to be Ensign and Lieutenant, by purchase, vice the Honourable Edward Henry Legge. Dated 29th November, 1859.

5th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Frank Astley Cubitt to be Captain, by purchase, vice Grahame, who retires. Dated 29th November, 1859.

Lieutenant Arthur Edward Flood, from the 61st Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Sewell, who exchanges. Dated 29th November, 1859.

6th Foot, Ensign Patrick Albert Howley to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Lawrell, promoted. Dated 29th November, 1859.

8th Foot, Surgeon Francis Charles Annesley, having completed twenty years' full pay service, to be Surgeon-Major, under the Royal Warrant of 1st October, 1858. Dated 17th September, 1859.

10th Foot, Lieutenant Henry Rudkin Vigors to be Captain, by purchase, vice the Honourable Alfred Bury, who retires. Dated the 29th November, 1859.

Ensign Richard Johnson to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Vigors. Dated 29th November, 1859.

11th Foot, Ensign Frederick Dudley Walker to be superseded, being absent without leave. Dated 29th November, 1859.