

intended to obtain redress and a fulfilment of the stipulations of the Treaty of Tien-tsin.

It will be gratifying to me if the prompt acquiescence of The Emperor of China in the moderate demands which will be made by the plenipotentiaries shall obviate the necessity for the employment of force.

I have directed that papers on this subject shall be laid before you.

An unauthorized proceeding by an officer of the United States in regard to the Island of San Juan, between Vancouver's Island and the mainland, might have led to a serious collision between my forces and those of the United States. Such collision, however, has been prevented by the judicious forbearance of my naval and civil officers on the spot, and by the equitable and conciliatory provisional arrangement proposed on this matter by the Government of the United States.

I trust that the question of boundary out of which this affair has arisen may be amicably settled in a manner conformable with the just rights of the two countries, as defined by the first Article of the Treaty of 1846.

The last embers of disturbance in my East Indian dominions have been extinguished; my Viceroy has made a peaceful progress through the districts which had been the principal scene of disorder, and by a judicious combination of firmness and generosity my authority has been everywhere solidly, and, I trust, permanently, established. I have received from my Viceroy the most gratifying accounts of the loyalty of my Indian subjects, and of the good feeling evinced by the native chiefs and the great landowners of the country. The attention of the government in India has been directed to the development of the internal resources of the country; and I am glad to inform you, that an improvement has taken place in its financial prospects.

I have concluded a treaty with the Tycoon of Japan, and a treaty regarding boundaries with the Republic of Guatemala. I have directed that these treaties shall be laid before you.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

I have directed the estimates for the ensuing year to be laid before you. They have been prepared with a view to place the Military and Naval Services, and the defences of the country, upon an efficient footing.

I am glad to be able to inform you that the public revenue is in a satisfactory condition.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I have accepted, with gratification and pride, the extensive offers of voluntary service which I have received from my subjects. This manifestation of public spirit has added an important element to our system of national defence.

Measures will be laid before you for amending the laws which regulate the representation of the people in Parliament, and for placing that representation upon a broader and firmer basis.

I earnestly recommend you to resume your labours for the improvement of our Jurisprudence, and particularly in regard to Bankruptcy, the Transfer of Land, the Consolidation of the Statutes, and such a further fusion of law and equity as may be necessary to ensure that in every suit the rights of the parties may be satisfactorily determined by the Court in which the suit is commenced.

I am deeply gratified to observe, that the great interests of the country are generally in a sound and thriving condition; that pauperism and crime

have diminished; and that, throughout the whole of my empire, both in the United Kingdom and in my colonies and possessions beyond sea, there reigns a spirit of loyalty, of contentment, of order, and of obedience to the law.

With heartfelt gratitude to the Almighty Ruler of nations for these inestimable blessings, I fervently pray that His beneficent power may guide your deliberations for the advancement and consolidation of the welfare and happiness of my people.

[The following Notification is substituted for that which appeared in the London Gazette of January 24, 1860.]

Foreign-Office, January 23, 1860.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Charles Lennox Wyke, Esq., C.B., now Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Republics of Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras and Salvador, and Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary on a Special Mission to those Republics, to be Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Mexico.

*The Prince of Wales's Council Chamber,
Buckingham-Gate,
January 24, 1860.*

Humphry Wilyams, of Carnanton, in the county of Cornwall, Esq., has been appointed Sheriff of the county of Cornwall.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
January 26, 1860.*

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 Minister at Madrid, enclosing a copy of a Spanish Royal Decree, permitting the free importation into the port of Ceuta, of all goods and merchandize, except tobacco, salt and gunpowder; the same Decree provides that vessels bringing goods to that port shall pay harbour and health dues only; the privileges conferred by this Decree are not to be abrogated without six months' notice being given in the Madrid Gazette.

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

4th Company of Cornwall Artillery Volunteers.
Baker Banks, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 30th October, 1859.

William Tonkin Banks, Gent., to be First Lieutenant. Dated 30th October, 1859.

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

1st Company of Derbyshire Volunteer Rifles.
Francis Johnson Jessopp, Esq., to be Ensign, vice Cox, resigned.