

Instead of placing to the superannuation fund, as in times past, only 3 per cent. monthly on the produce of their fishing, it will place 6, and in proportion as the payment of this periodical deposit imperceptibly discharges the debt, the hired labourer will become a free proprietor. The admirable machinery of our maritime inscription has only to be brought into play, to be the means of producing both wealth and strength.

In France railways destroy the coasting trade, the natural nursery for the navy, because everything is carried direct into the interior. In England they are its life and development, because all traffic must end in carriage by sea. The progress of civilization proves clearly, by a striking opposition, how much Colbert's scheme is in harmony with the destinies of the nation.

The idea of devoting a sum of money to the sea-fisheries is not a novelty, since several millions figure every year in the Budget for those of Newfoundland.

If a similar loan had been devoted to the development of the coast-fishery, it would doubtless long since have been placed above all contingencies, for it is to this branch of industry that France must henceforth look for the true elements of her naval force. It offers a sufficient amount of danger and toil to train the hereditary defenders of our flag, to the bold calling of the sea. It would take large enough proportions to increase their number beyond all conception, if the maritime population should find in it a source of prosperity for their children. The financial combination which would enable this end to be attained, would not only enlarge the navy recruitment list, but also form, by the collection of families round the scene of their labours, colonies both industrial and military, the members of which, after contributing to the naval force, would probably be usefully employed in the stationary service of the sea-coast batteries. The defence of the coast would be synonymous with that of the hearth, and would be located at the very seat of the wealth, towards the creation of which the generous intervention of Government would have contributed. It would open the door to feelings of patriotism, which Government might encourage by making grants of small tracts of land.

Captains of vessels charged with enforcing the regulations for this cultivation of the sea, would also be the instructors of these colonies, organised with the double view of fishing and defence. They would follow them to the open sea, as the engineers superintending a great manufacture; they would direct them in the application of new improvements, and would take them in tow, if necessary, from bad weather, rendering their return to port a matter of difficulty or danger. On land also they would put them through their manœuvres on non-working days, in order to avoid interfering with their calling.

Such, Sir, in the most general terms are the ideas relative to the organization of fisheries, which I have the honour to submit to your Majesty's consideration.

I am, with most profound respect,

Sire,

Your Majesty's most obedient servant,

COSTE,

Member of the Institute.

Paris, 22nd March, 1861.

*Commissions signed by Her Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy for the City of London.*

*London Rifle Volunteer Brigade.*

Lieutenant Robert Pinkney to be Captain. Dated 26th April, 1861.

Christopher Hopkinson to be Captain. Dated 26th April, 1861.

*2nd London Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Lieutenant William Spottiswoode to be Captain. Dated 15th May, 1861.

Almaric Rumsey to be Captain. Dated 15th May, 1861.

Ensign Richard John Courtney to be Lieutenant. Dated 15th May, 1861.

John Charles Layland to be Lieutenant. Dated 15th May, 1861.

Arthur Milman to be Ensign. Dated 15th May, 1861.

Robert James Snape to be Ensign. Dated 15th May, 1861.

MEMORANDA.

*London Rifle Volunteer Brigade.*

Robert William Smith, Esq., late Captain 36th Regiment, to be Adjutant from 13th August, 1860.

Adjutant Robert William Smith to serve with the rank of Captain.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of the County of York, and of the City and County of the City of York.*

*Hussar Regiment of Yorkshire (West Riding) Yeomanry Cavalry.*

Captain Thomas Henry Preston to be Major, vice Wood, who retires. Dated 24th May, 1861.

Cornet William Thomas Markham to be Captain, vice Preston, promoted. Dated 24th May, 1861.

The Right Honourable Sackville George, Baron Conyers, to be Cornet, vice Markham, promoted. Dated 24th May, 1861.

*2nd West Riding of Yorkshire Artillery Volunteers.*

William Marshall Selwyn, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 21st May, 1861.

*2nd West Riding of Yorkshire Engineer Volunteers.*

Captain William Child to be Major. Dated 21st May, 1861.

First Lieutenant Thomas Lockwood to be Captain, vice Child, promoted. Dated 21st May, 1861.

Richard William Moore, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 21st May, 1861.

Christopher Leece Dresser, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 21st May, 1861.

Second Lieutenant Walter Smith to be First Lieutenant, vice Lockwood, promoted. Dated 21st May, 1861.

William Middleton, Gent., to be First Lieutenant. Dated 21st May, 1861.

Henry Paul Child, Gent., to be First Lieutenant. Dated 21st May, 1861.

Joseph Wright, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant, vice Smith, promoted. Dated 21st May, 1861.

William Ward, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 21st May, 1861.

Frederick Holmes, Esq., to be Surgeon. Dated 21st May, 1861.

The Reverend Nicholas Greenwell, to be Honorary Chaplain. Dated 21st May, 1861.