

staté que ces bâtimens ne portent ni objets de contrabande de guerre, ni passagers cherchant à débarquer dans un but hostile sur le sol Mexicain.

Agréez, Monsieur le Commandant, l'assurance de ma haute consideration,

Le Vice-Admiral Commandant les Forces Navales de l'expédition du Mexique,
(Signé) JURIEN.

Mons. le Capitaine Tatham,
Commandant les bâtimens de
S.M.B. dans le Golfe du Mexique.

(Translation.)

Admiral Jurien to Captain Tatham.

Roadstead of Sacrificios,
September 8, 1862.

MONSIEUR LE COMMANDANT,

IN answer to the letter which you did me the honour to address to me on the 6th of September, relative to the effect of the blockade established by the French navy at the port of Tampico, I have the honour to inform you, that I am, in fact, authorised to mitigate on my own responsibility the rigour of the blockade, the principal object of which is to prevent the introduction of articles of contraband of war.

Consequently, as soon as I am able to communicate with M. le Commandant du Buthollet, I shall modify in this sense the instructions which have been given him.

Until further notice therefore, no obstacle will be placed in the way of neutral vessels entering the port of Tampico, when it has been shown that these vessels carry neither articles contraband of war, nor passengers attempting to disembark on Mexican soil, for hostile purposes.

Accept, &c.
(Signed) JURIEN.

To Captain Tatham,
Commander of Her Majesty's ships
in the Gulf of Mexico.

War Office, December 12, 1862.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of Lord Augustus William Frederick Spencer Loftus, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Bavaria, and the Honourable Frederick William Adolphus Bruce, C.B., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Emperor of China, to be Ordinary Members of the Civil Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Whitehall, December 11, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting unto Admiral Sir Francis William Austen, G.C.B., the office or place of Vice-Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Lieutenant of the Admiralty thereof, in the room of Admiral Sir Graham Eden Hamond, Bart., G.C.B., promoted to be Admiral of the Fleet.

The Queen has also been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal,

granting unto Admiral Sir William Parker, Bart., G.C.B., the office or place of Rear-Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Admiralty thereof, in the room of the said Admiral Sir Francis William Austen.

Whitehall, December 11, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Knight of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Luke Smithett, of Dover, in the county of Kent, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the borough of Dover.

St. James's Palace, December 1, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased, on the nomination of the Right Honourable Lord Foley, to appoint Colonel Henry Hume, C.B., late of the Grenadier Guards, one of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, vice Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Cooke, promoted.

Crown Office, December 10, 1862.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Totnes.

John Pender, of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Esq., in the room of Thomas Mills, Esq., deceased.

Board of Trade, Whitehall,
December 10, 1862.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Hamburg, enclosing a copy of a law recently passed by the Senate of Bremen, abolishing, from and after the 1st January next, the custom and excise duties now levied in that territory upon the import and export of merchandize, and levying instead thereof a transfer duty of $\frac{5}{100}$ per cent. ad valorem on all original sales effected within the Bremen territory in cases in which the vendor is the subject of that State; and further providing that in cases of resale $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. only shall be charged.

Another law, passed by the Senate of Bremen, a copy of which has also been received by the Board of Trade, provides that from and after the 1st January next, all parcels of goods exceeding 10 dollars in value, imported into, exported from, or conveyed in transit through the State of Bremen shall be declared, for statistical purposes, and that a stamp duty shall be levied upon such goods, at the rate of 1 grot per 100 dollars value. Goods declared in direct transit through the Bremen territory without the intervention of an inhabitant of Bremen, will be exempt from the above duty.

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Board of Trade, Whitehall,
December 11, 1862.

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