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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
November 10, 1863.*

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 Minister in China, reporting that the Chinese Government has provided that in cases where due notice is given to export, within twelve months, produce brought down the Great River to Shanghai, the half duty paid thereon shall be refunded if the marks, packages, amounts and weights are found by the Chinese Customs Authorities to correspond with those originally entered in the books, and if such produce is exported within the twelve months now allowed in lieu of the three months hitherto granted.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
November 10, 1863.*

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 Buenos Ayres, enclosing the following translation of a Decree passed by the Argentine Government on the 23rd September last:

ART. I.—All vessels coming from ports where Argentine Consuls have been named, must have their manifesto viséd in proper manner by such Consul, under pain of paying double the Consular Fees, the same to be recoverable at the Custom-house, one half to be devoted to the National Revenue, and the other half given to the proper Consul.

ART. II.—This fine of double fees above mentioned will be put in force four months after date of this Decree, recovering in the meantime only the usual fees ordained by Art. 8, of the law 7th November, 1862.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
November 10, 1863.*

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 Consul at Madagascar, reporting that the duties and restrictions applied to articles imported into and exported from that island, during the reign of Queen Ranavaloa, have been in force from the 18th of September last, and stating that the following is the scale of customs, &c., duties:

On all Imports except Spirits 10 per cent. in kind  
Spirits ... .. 33½ „

On all Exports 20 per cent. *ad valorem*, of which 10 per cent. may be deducted from the vendor of produce, but the whole is recoverable from the shipper.

Tonnage dues are charged according to the measurement of vessels, 6*d.* per ton register, and 1*s.* per foot of draught.

*Admiralty, 9th November, 1863.*

IN consideration of the valuable assistance rendered by Commander Francis William Sullivan during the recent successful operations of Her

Majesty's Troops in New Zealand, as recorded in the London Gazette of the 27th October last, Commander Sullivan has been this day promoted to be Captain.

Also, in consideration of the successful operations against the batteries of Kagosima, as recorded in the London Gazette of the 30th October last, the following promotions have this day taken place:

Commander Lewis James Moore to be Captain.  
Lieutenant James Augustus Poland to be Commander.  
Lieutenant George Poole to be Commander.  
Mr. Charles Richard Godfrey, Assistant-Surgeon, to be Surgeon.

*Admiralty, 10th November, 1863.*

Vice-Admiral of the White Thomas Bennett has been appointed to receive a pension of £150 a-year, as provided by Her Majesty's Order in Council of 25th June, 1851, vacant by the death of Admiral George Frederick Rich; and the name of Vice-Admiral Bennett has been removed to the Reserved Half-pay List accordingly, and in consequence of this removal the following promotions, to date the 3rd instant, have this day taken place:

Vice-Admiral of the Blue Sir Charles Talbot, K.C.B., to be Vice-Admiral of the White.  
Rear-Admiral, on the Reserved List, the Right Honourable Lord John Frederick Gordon Halyburton, G.C.H., to be Vice-Admiral on the same List.  
Rear-Admiral of the Red Sir John McDougall, K.C.B., to be Vice-Admiral of the Blue.  
Rear-Admiral of the White George Elliot to be Rear-Admiral of the Red.  
Rear-Admiral of the Blue George Goldsmith, C.B., to be Rear-Admiral of the White.  
Captain Edward Gennys Fanshawe to be Rear-Admiral of the Blue.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the  
County of Middlesex.**St. George's Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

John Mortimer Hunt to be Ensign. Dated 4th November, 1863.

*London Irish Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

John O'Connor to be Ensign. Dated 4th November, 1863.

*33rd Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Lieutenant Edward Bernard Lewin Hill to be Captain, vice Goss, resigned. Dated 28th October, 1863.

*40th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Ensign Leopold James Yorke Campbell Scarlett to be Lieutenant. Dated 28th October, 1863.

MEMORANDA.

*St. George's Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held in this Corps by Assistant-Surgeon Edwin Sercombe. Dated 4th November, 1863.

*20th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.*

The Queen has been pleased to dispense with the services of Captain George Albert Conran in this Corps. Dated 31st October, 1863.