

## THE RIVER PLATE.

*Hostilities between Uruguay, Paraguay, and Brazil.*

## NOTICE TO OWNERS AND MASTERS OF BRITISH MERCHANT-VESSELS.

*Foreign Office,  
March 14, 1865.*

IT is hereby notified by Earl Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to all Owners and Masters of British merchant-vessels that hostilities have broken out and are being now carried on by certain parties in insurrection against the Government of the Republic of Uruguay, and between the States of Uruguay and Paraguay and Brazil; and that all British vessels going to, or trading with, any ports or places in the River Plate, the Rivers Parana, Uruguay, and Paraguay, or ports or places thereunto belonging, are hereby strictly warned any prohibited against carrying or conveying to and such ports or places mentioned any munitions or articles of war, of any description whatsoever, to or for the use of any of the said belligerent States or parties during the continuance of such hostilities. And it is hereby further notified that any vessel so carrying or conveying any munitions or articles of war, of any description whatsoever, will become liable to the exercise of belligerent rights on the part of the States or parties above mentioned, and to the penalties incident to an infringement of Her Majesty's neutrality.

*Whitehall, March 11, 1865.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Most Noble William, Duke of Devonshire, K.G.; the Right Honourable Richard John, Earl of Donoughmore; the Right Honourable Edward Henry Smith Stanley (commonly called Lord Stanley); the Honourable Edward Frederick Leveson-Gower; the Right Honourable Robert Lowe; Sir Rowland Hill, K.C.B.; John Arthur Roebuck, Esq.; Thomas Berry Horsfall, Esq.; Robert Dalgleish, Esq.; George Carr Glyn, Esq.; Acton Smee Ayrton, Esq.; Douglas Galton, Esq.; Edward Terrick Hamilton, Esq.; and John Robinson McLean, Esq.; to be Her Majesty's Commissioners to inquire into the charges made for the conveyance of passengers and goods on the Railways of Great Britain and Ireland, and the practicability of reducing such charges with a due regard to safety, punctuality, and expedition.

*Whitehall, March 13, 1865.*

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, constituting and appointing the Most Noble Edward Adolphus, Duke of Somerset, K.G.; Vice-Admiral the Honourable Sir Frederick William Grey, K.C.B.; Rear-Admiral Charles Eden, C.B.; Rear-Admiral Edward Gennys Fanshawe; Rear-Admiral the Honourable James Robert Drummond, C.B.; and Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, Esq.; to be Her Majesty's Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dominions, islands, and territories thereunto belonging.

*Whitehall, March 8, 1865.*

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto James Frederick D'Arley Street, of Mottram Hall, in Mottram Saint Andrew, in the parish of Prestbury, in the county of Chester, Esquire, late a Captain in the Royal Artillery, and unto Julia Catherine, his wife, youngest of the three daughters and co-heirs of Henry Wright, Clerk, Master of Arts, late of Mottram Hall aforesaid, deceased, Her Royal license and authority that they may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will and testament of the said Henry Wright, take and henceforth use the surname of Wright instead of that of Street, that she, the said Julia Catherine Street, may bear the arms of Wright, that he, the said James Frederick D'Arley Street, may bear the arms of Wright quarterly with those of Street, and that such surname and arms may in like manner be taken, borne, and used by the issue of their marriage; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise Her Majesty's Royal license and permission to be void and of none effect:

And also to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be registered in Her Majesty's said College of Arms.

*Whitehall, March 13, 1865.*

The Queen, taking into Her Royal consideration that upon the death of the Right Honourable William Henry Thomas Horner, fourth Earl of Ilchester, without issue, in the month of February last, the title and dignity of Earl of Ilchester devolved upon the Right Honourable Henry Edward, now Earl of Ilchester, as eldest son and heir of the Honourable John Charles Fox-Strangways, deceased, who, whilst living, was the next surviving brother of the said William Henry Thomas Horner, Earl of Ilchester, whereby, according to the ordinary rules, the sister of the said Henry Edward, now Earl of Ilchester, cannot enjoy that privilege, place, and precedence which would have been due to her had her said father, John Charles Fox-Strangways, survived the said William Thomas Horner, Earl of Ilchester, and thereby succeeded to the said dignity of Earl of Ilchester, Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to ordain and declare that Maria Georgiana Julia Fox-Strangways, sister of the said Henry Edward, now Earl of Ilchester, shall henceforth have, hold, and enjoy the same title, place, pre-eminence, and precedence as if her father, John Charles Fox-Strangways, had survived and succeeded to the said title and dignity of Earl of Ilchester:

And Her Majesty has been further pleased to command that the said Royal order and declaration be registered in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

*Treasury Chambers, March 10, 1865.*

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the power vested in them by the Act of the 17th and 18th years of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to facilitate the Sale and Transfer of Encumbered Estates in the West Indies," have appointed James Fleming, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, to be Chief Commissioner, and Reginald John Cust, Esquire, to be Assistant-Commissioner for the Sale of Encumbered Estates in the West Indies.