

Foreign Office, March 28, 1865.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Sir Rutherford Alcock, K.C.B., now Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary and Consul-General in Japan, to be Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary and also Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Sir Harry Smith Parkes, K.C.B., now Her Majesty's Consul at Shanghai, to be Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary and Consul-General in Japan.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Charles Alexander Winchester, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Kanagawa, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Shanghai.

Whitehall, April 8, 1865.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal appointing General Sir John Fox Burgoyne, Bart., G.C.B., to be Constable of the Tower of London, in the room of Field-Marshal Stapleton, Viscount Combermere, deceased.

The Queen has also been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal appointing General Sir John Fox Burgoyne, Bart., G.C.B., to be Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the Tower Hamlets, in the room of Field-Marshal Stapleton, Viscount Combermere, deceased.

Westminster, April 7, 1865.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act to apply the sum of fifteen millions out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under "The General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862," relating to the burgh of Perth.

An Act to allow affirmations or declarations to be made instead of oaths in all civil and criminal proceedings in Scotland.

An Act to amend "The Election Petitions Act, 1848," in certain particulars.

An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders under "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act (Ireland), 1863," and the Act amending the same.

An Act for the regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on shore.

An Act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and for the better payment of the Army and their quarters.

An Act to make further provision for the management of the unredeemed public debt in Ireland, and for the reduction of the interest payable on certain sums advanced by the Bank of Ireland for the public service.

An Act to make better provision for the naval defence of the Colonies.

An Act to extend the term for granting fresh letters patent for the High Courts in India, and to make further provision respecting the territorial jurisdiction of the said Courts.

An Act to enable the Colne Valley and Halstead Railway Company to increase their capital.

An Act to regulate the mode of valuation of the underground pipes or works in the city of Glasgow, belonging to the city and suburban Gas Company of Glasgow, for the purpose of assessment under "The Glasgow Police Act, 1862."

An Act to enable the Metropolitan Board of Works to open a new street in Whitechapel, and to remove Middle-row, Holborn, all in the county of Middlesex.

*War Office, Pall Mall,**11th April, 1865.**53rd Regiment of Foot.*

Major-General Charles William Ridley, C.B., to be Colonel, vice Lieutenant-General Frederick Maunsell, transferred to 85th Foot. Dated 2nd April, 1865.

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Lieutenant-General Frederick Maunsell, from 53rd Foot, to be Colonel, vice General Sir John Wright Guise, Bart., G.C.B., deceased. Dated 2nd April, 1865.

21st Hussars, Captain and Brevet-Major Edmund Armitage Hardy to be Major, vice Henry Robert Grindlay, who retires upon full-pay. Dated 11th April, 1865.

Military Train, Assistant-Surgeon Francis Henry Maciadin, from 73rd Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 1st April, 1865.

Assistant-Surgeon William White, from 1st Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 1st April, 1865.

Staff Assistant-Surgeon Edward Litton Low, M.B., to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 1st April, 1865.

Staff Assistant-Surgeon Robert Storey to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 2nd April, 1865.