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Downing Street, December 19, 1867.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint John Rawlins Semper, Esq., to be Chief Justice of the Island of Saint Christopher and of the Island of Nevis.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Thomas Braddell, Esq., to be Attorney-General; William Willans Willans, Esq., to be Treasurer; Charles John Irving, Esq., to be Auditor-General; and Captain John Frederick Adolphus McNair, R.A., to be Colonial Engineer; for the Straits Settlements.

By virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty, as authorizes the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out writs for the election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein mentioned, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes;" and of an Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to further limit and define the time for proceeding to Election during the Recess."

I do hereby give notice, that the death of the Honourable Henry Cecil Lowther, late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the county of Westmorland, hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two Members serving in this present Parliament, and that I shall issue my Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said county, at the end of six days after the insertion of this notice in the London Gazette.

Given under my hand this seventeenth day of December, 1867.

J. E. DENISON, Speaker.

Council Office, Whitehall, December 20, 1867.

HER Majesty has been pleased by Her Order in Council, dated this day, to grant to Warren De la Rue, Jonah Nathan, William Frederick De la

Rue, and William Edward Gaine, a prolongation for the term of five years of certain letters patent for "an improvement in treating or preparing paper," such letters patent having been originally granted to the said William Edward Gaine, and bearing date the 6th December, 1853, for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

Privy Council Office, Veterinary Department, Princes-street, Westminster, S.W.

LICENCES to hold Sales of Cattle; whether intended for immediate slaughter or otherwise, have been issued by the Lords of the Council for the following places:—

- Church Stretton Salop
- Ellesmere Salop
- Market Drayton Salop
- Redenhall with Harleston
(The Cardinal's Hat
Inn) Norfolk
- Huntspill (Bason Bridge) Somerset

(Signed) ALEXANDER WILLIAMS.

December 19, 1867.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
December 19, 1867.*

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 Stettin, reporting that the following reductions in shipping dues have been made since the 1st November last:—

I. Sea Dues:—for all vessels entering or leaving the harbour of Swinemünde:

	New Rate.	Old Rate.
	groschen.	groschen.
1. With cargoes—		
(a.) on entering ...	4	instead of 8
(b.) on leaving ...	4	„ 8

2. In ballast—

(a.) on entering ...	2	instead of 4
(b.) on leaving ...	2	„ 4

per normal last (about 1½ register tons).