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Board of Trade, Whitehall, May 30, 1870.

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 at Brussels, enclosing a copy of a Law published in the "Moniteur Belge" of the 17th instant.

In accordance with the provisions of this law, the excise duty on raw salt and sea-salt, the import duty upon refined salt, upon sulphate, sulphite, and carbonate of soda, as well as upon fish of all kinds, is abolished; the rate of postage upon single letters, forwarded from one part of the kingdom to another, is fixed at 10 centimes; and the rate for books, bound or in boards, will be 1 centime per 30 grammes or fraction of 30 grammes.

The Law also increases the excise duty upon the manufacture of brandy, and fixes the minimum quantity to be exported at 5 hectolitre instead of 10, as heretofore.

Article 12 alters the import duty leviable upon distilled spirits, and fixes it as follows:—

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Brandy of all kinds...	in cask	of 50 degrees or less	of Dutch manufacture	77	50	} per hectolitre.
			other	...	72	
	for every degree above 50 degrees	of Dutch manufacture	1	55	}	
		other	...	1		
	in bottle, and liqueurs without distinction as to strength		145	00		
Other alcoholic liquors	102	00	

This law will come into operation on the 1st of June of the present year, so far as distillation, and the postage of books and letters are concerned; and on the 1st June, 1871, for all the other provisions, except that an import duty will be levied upon carbonate of soda of 2 francs during the year 1871, and of one franc during the year 1872.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Denbigh.

Denbighshire Yeomanry Cavalry.

The Honourable William Edward Fitzmaurice to be Supernumerary Major. Dated 26th May, 1870.

Captain Tom Naylor Leyland to be Major, vice Fitzmaurice, promoted. Dated 26th May, 1870.

Lieutenant William Thorold to be Captain, vice Leyland, promoted. Dated 26th May, 1870.

Cornet John Fairfax Jesse to be Lieutenant, vice Thorold, promoted. Dated 26th May, 1870.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the City and County of the City of Edinburgh, and Liberties thereof.

Edinburgh Artillery Regiment of Militia.

Frederick Campbell, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 13th May, 1870.

Frederick W. Carter, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 13th May, 1870.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Essex.

2nd Essex Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Cyrus Plaistow Trapand to be First Lieutenant, vice Jolly, resigned. Dated 10th May, 1870.

Honorary Assistant-Surgeon Rea Corbet to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 10th May, 1870.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Glamorgan.

7th Glamorganshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Thomas Gray, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 26th May, 1870.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

3rd Regiment of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Militia.

John Walmsley, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 16th May, 1870.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lanark.

1st Royal Lanarkshire Militia.

Captain William Hamilton Ramsay to be Major. Dated 26th May, 1870.

Charles Wyndham, Esq., late Captain Turkish Contingent, to be Captain. Dated 26th May, 1870.

5th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Robert Whyte to be Lieutenant, vice Dalglish, resigned. Dated 19th May, 1870.

31st Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign George Gilmour to be Lieutenant, vice Somerville, resigned. Dated 24th May, 1870.

44th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign John Strathern to be Lieutenant, vice Crockatt, resigned. Dated 24th May, 1870.

John Ness to be Ensign, vice Strathern, promoted. Dated 24th May, 1870.

99th Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant John Craig to be Captain, vice Towers-Clark, deceased. Dated 24th May, 1870.

Ensign Archibald Cowie to be Lieutenant, vice Craig, promoted. Dated 24th May, 1870.

John Galloway to be Ensign, vice Cowie, promoted. Dated 24th May, 1870.