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FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1872.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 26, 1872.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 1st of June.

Foreign Office, April 22, 1872.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Joseph Hutton Dupuis, Esq., now British Vice-Consul at Soulina, to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Adrianople.

Foreign Office, May 15, 1872.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Don Juan Pfeil as Consul-General in England for the Oriental Republic of the Uruguay.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. W. Nicks as Vice-Consul at Gloucester for the German Empire.

Whitehall, May 9, 1872.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Robert Darell, of Calehill, in the county of Kent, Esquire, sixth and youngest but only surviving son of Edward Darell, late of Calehill aforesaid, Esquire, and grandson of Henry Darell, late of Calehill aforesaid, Esquire, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Gage, late of Hengrave Hall, in the county of Suffolk, Baronet, all deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a proviso contained in the last will and testament of his cousin John Gage-Rokewode, late of Coldham Hall, in the parish of Stanningfield, in the county of Suffolk, and of Lincoln's Inn, in the county of Middlesex, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, deceased, take and henceforth use the surname of Rokewode, in addition to and before that of Darell, and bear the arms of Rokewode quarterly in the second quarter with those of Darell; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

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

(H. 2222.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, May 15, 1872.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy, forwarded by Her Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg, of an Official Notice of the Russian Government, notifying that the reduction of harbour dues accorded last year to vessels arriving at the port of Libau will be maintained during the navigation of the present year, and that the same privilege may be extended to Windau, Revel, and Port Baltic, in the event of a desire to that effect being expressed by the mercantile and municipal bodies of those localities.

(H. 2356.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, May 15, 1872.*

THE Board of Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid, respecting the appointment of a Commission to superintend the works for the improvement of the port of Santander.

The substance of the Despatch is subjoined:—

By a Royal Decree, published in the Official Gazette, a special "Junta" or Commission has been appointed to superintend the works necessary for the improvement of the port of Santander. The expenses incurred in these works will be defrayed by the imposition in that port of the following additional dues:—

1. 75 per cent. of the dues received by the State per metrical ton of goods discharged from vessels measuring more than 20 tons; and 38 per cent. as regards smaller ships.

2. 25 centimes of a peseta per metrical ton of goods loaded on vessels employed in the coasting trade; 45 centimes as to vessels used in trade with Europe, the coasts of Asia and Africa in the Mediterranean, and the African coast in the Atlantic as far as Cape Mogador; and 95 centimes as to vessels trading with all other countries.

Vessels loading or discharging coal and iron ore will only pay the half of the above.

These additional dues will be collected by the Custom House Administration and handed over to the Junta, and they will continue to be exacted, and the Junta to exist, as long as may be