Official Notice.—Proposal to Change Names of Ships.

THE Royal Mail Steam Packet Company hereby give notice that, in consequence of its being the practice of the Company to name their steam ships after rivers, it is their intention to apply to the Board of Trade, under section 6 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1871, in respect of their steam ships—

Official Registered Gross Tonnage. Tonnage. Rakaia 1456 938 54,660 ... ••• ... Kaikoura ... 54,619 1501 1068 52,749 1504 1018 Ruahine ...

all of London, heretofore owned by the said Royal Mail Steam Packet Company of London, for permission to change their names as follow:— "Rakaia," to "Ebro;" "Kaikoura," to "Tiber;" and "Ruabine," to "Liffey;" to be registered under the said new names at the port of London, as owned by the said Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Assistant-Secretary, Marine Department, Board of Trade, within fifteen days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at 55, Moorgate-street, London, this 25th day of June, 1872.

J. M. LLOYD, Secretary.

Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions.

OTICE is hereby given, that-

558. Alexander Laurie, of Glasgow, in the county of Lauark, North Britain, Mechanic, has given notice at the Office of the Commissioners of his intention to proceed with his application for letters patent for the invention of "improvements in skylights."

565. And Charles Lenny, of the firm of Charles Lenny and Company, of North End, Croydon, in the county of Surrey, and of Park-lane, in the county of Middlesex, Carriage Builders, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in carriage heads, and in apparatus for raising and lowering or assisting to raise and lower them."

As set forth in their respective petitions, both recorded in the said office on the 21st day of February, 1872.

566. And William Henry Le Mesurier, of Birkenhead, Cheshire, Civil Engineer, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "an improved mode of roofing buildings."

567. And Jesse Rust, of Bond-street, Vauxhall, in the county of Surrey, Glass Manufacturer, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "an improved composition, specially applicable for use for sanitary, pictorial, decorative, and building purposes."

As set forth in their respective petitions, both recorded in the said office on the 22nd day of February, 1872.

583. And Samuel Yeadon the elder, of Idle, near Bradford, in the county of York, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in 'healds' or 'heddles' for weaving purposes, in the parts connected therewith, and in the means or apparatus employed in the manufacture of the parts of such 'healds' or 'heddles.'"

585. And Benjamin Joseph Barnard Mills, of the firm of Harris and Mills, of 35, Southampton-buildings, in the county of Middlesex, Patent Agent, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in the construction of railway rails or bars."—A communication to him from abroad by Theodore Ruggles Timby, of Tarrytown, in the county of Westchester, in the State of New York, United States of America, Engineer.

587. And William Edward Gedge, of No. 11, Wellington - street, Strand, in the county of Middlesex, Patent Agent, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "certain improvements in rolling mills or machines for manufacturing bar iron."—A communication to him from abroad by Hyacinthe Vigour, of Charleville, Ardennes, France, Iron Merchant.

590. And Edward Thomas Hughes, of the firm of Hughes and Son, Patent Agents, 123, Chancery-lane, London, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in machines for sewing boots and shoes,"—A communication to him from abroad by Nathan Adolphus Baldwin, of Milford, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, United States of America.

As set forth in their respective petitions, all recorded in the said office on the 23rd day of February, 1872.

594. And Alfred George Wallis, of Abbey-place, St. John's Wood, in the county of Middlesex, and William Bradshaw, of Alma-street, New North-road, in the same county, have given the like notice in respect of the invention of "a certain improvement in the manufacture of cocoa fibre mats."

596. And Henry Royall Minns, of Stapleton-road, in the city and county of Bristol, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in metal doors."

597. And Tobiah Pepper, of 29, Sutherland-square, Camberwell, in the county of Surrey, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "an improved washing machine."

598. And Francis Ayrton, of Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, Gentleman, and Samuel Shaw Brown, of the same place, Manufacturer, have given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in looms for weaving."

As set forth in their respective petitions, all recorded in the said office on the 24th day of February, 1872.

606. And Sylvestre Theodore Vanel, of Paris, in the French Republic, Gentleman, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "a new composition and process for waterproofing all sorts of tissues, linen, paper, and other materials."

607. And Thomas Blundell, George Thomas Blundell, and James Walter Blundell, all of Limehouse, in the county of Middlesex, Engineers and Coppersmiths, have given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in the construction of waterclosets, and in the mode and means of regulating the supply of water to their pans,"

614. And Otho Giles Abbott, of Huddersfield, in the county of York, Secretary to the Huddersfield School Board, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in in school desks, which are applicable to other

As set forth in their respective petitions, all recorded in the said office on the 26th day of February, 1872.