THE LONDON GAZETTE, DECEMBER 10, 1872.

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council: now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Act; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the diocese of Durham.

Arthur Helps.

Colonial Office, Downing Street, December 9, 1872.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint -

- Richard Southey, Esq., Colonial Secretary for the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, in South Africa;
- Edward Everard Rushworth, Esq., D.C.L., Colonial Secretary for the Island of Jamaica;
- William Porter, Esq, late Attorney-General for the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope;
- Adams George Archibald, Esq., late Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba, in the Dominion of Canada; and
- Hewitt Bernard, Esq., Deputy Minister of Justice for the Dominion of Canada;

to be Ordinary Members of the Third Class, or Companions of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

Whitehall, December 7, 1872.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint James Hill, Esq. (Second Charity Commissioner), to be Chief Charity Commissioner for England and Wales, in the room of the Right Honourable Peter Erle, resigned.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Francis Offley Martin, Esq., to be Second Charity Commissioner for England and Wales, in the room of James Hill, Esq., appointed Chief Commissioner.

Whitehall, December 9, 1872.

The Queen has been pleased to grant the place of one of the Lords of Session in Scotland to Alexander Burns Shand, Esq., (Sheriff of the Counties of Berwick and Haddington), in the room of William Penney, Esq., deceased.

Crown Office, December 10, 1872.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

City of Cork.

Joseph Philip Ronayne, of Rinn Ronain, Queenstown, in the county of Cork, in the place of John Francis Maguire, Esq., decensed.

· County of Kincardine.

Sir George Balfour, of 6, Cleveland-gardens, Hyde Park, London, Major-General Royal Artillery, in the place of James Dyce Nicol, Esq., deceased.

(S. & C. 1323.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, December 9, 1872.

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Decree of the Portuguese Government, dated the 16th ultimo, abolishing the district tithes, ferry taxes, and fish tithes, hitherto levied in the Province of Angola, and substituting a tax of one per cent. ad valorem on all goods and merchandize imported into or exported from the Custom-houses of Loanda, Benguella, and Mossamedes.

This Decree will only come into operation on and after the date of its publication in the Official Journal of the Province of Angola.

Admiralty, 9th December, 1872.

- Edward Maile Tims, Esq., has this day been appointed a Naval Instructor in Her Majesty's Fleet.
- The Reverend Edward Dawson Morley has this day been appointed a Chaplain in Her Majesty's Fleet.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, the undermentioned Officer has been placed on the Retired List of his rank, from the 3rd instant :--

Chief Engineer Jonathan Gee.

War Office, Pall Mall. 10th December, 1872.

- 1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Sub-Lieutenant Peter Marrow to be Lieutenaut. Dated 28th October, 1871.
- 3rd Hussars, Sub-Lieutenant Ivar MacIvor, from the 18th Hussars, to be Sub-Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant C. E. Nettles, promoted. Dated 11th December, 1872.
- 10th Hussars, Surgeon William Cattell, from the 20th Foot, to be Surgeon, vice Surgeon-Major Thomas Fraser, M.D., appointed to the Staff. Dated 11th December, 1872.
- 13th Hussars, Captain Richard James A. Webb retires from the Service, receiving the value of his Commission. Dated 11th December, 1872.
- 20th Hussars, Lewis Edmond Gurney, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant M. S. Saunders, promoted. Dated 11th December, 1872.
- 21st Hussars, Lieutenant Howard Coghlan to be Captain, vice C. E. Farquharson, retired. Dated 23rd November, 1872.
- Royal Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Henry Hamilton'Maxwell (late Bengal) from the Seconded List, to be Colonel, vice H. A. Carleton, C.B., removed as a General Officer. Dated 6th October, 1872.
- Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Alfred Light (late Bengal) to be Colonel vice C. H. Dickens, C.S.I., placed upon the Seconded List, Dated 11th December, 1872.
- Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Wallis Dowell (late Bengal) to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Brevet-Colonel Light, promoted. Dated 11th December, 1872.
- Captain George Edwin Maule to be Major, vice H. W. Briscoe, who retires on temporary halfpay. Dated 11th December, 1872.