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Whitehall, January 1, 1874.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto the undermentioned persons, and the respective heirs male of their bodies lawfully begotten:—

Edward Granville George Howard, Esq. (commonly called the Honourable Edward Granville George Howard), Admiral on the Reserved Half-pay List of Her Majesty's Fleet, by the name, style, and title of Baron Lanerton, of Lanerton, in the county of Cumberland.

The Right Honourable Sir James Moncreiff, Bart., Her Majesty's Justice-Clerk, and President of the Second Division of the Court of Session in Scotland, also one of the Senators of the College of Justice there, by the name, style, and title of Baron Moncreiff, of Tulliebole, in the county of Kinross.

The Right Honourable Sir John Duké Coleridge, Knt., Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, by the name, style, and title of Baron Coleridge, of Ottery Saint Mary, in the county of Devon.

The Right Honourable William Monsell, by the name, style, and title of Baron Emly, of Tervoe, in the county of Limerick.

Foreign Office, December 26, 1873.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Edwin Corbett, Esq., now Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Republics of Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Salvador, to be Her Majesty's Minister Resident and Consul-General to those Republics.

Foreign Office, December 29, 1873.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Don Anibal Gonzales as Consul-General in London for the Republic of the Equator.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Charles Andrew Carrol as Consul in St. Helena, to reside at Jamestown, for His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. William Richard Man as Consul at Bridgetown, Barbadoes, for His Majesty the King of Denmark.

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Board of Trade (Harbour Department),

Whitehall Gardens, S.W., January 1, 1874.

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Rio, enclosing a translation of a Decree of the Brazilian Government, modifying the Customs and Anchorage Dues of that Empire.

A copy of the translation is subjoined:

MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

Decree 5,455, of November 5th, 1873, modifying various Taxes collected by the Customs

Using the authorization conferred by Art. 11, sections 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 of the Act No. 2,348, of August 25th last, I am pleased to Decree as follows:—

Art. 1. From the 1st of January next shall cease in the Custom Houses of the Empire the collection of the additional duties of 5 per cent. created by Act No. 1,114 of September 27th, 1860, and of the percentages of 28 per cent. and 21 per cent. on the duties of consumption, established by Resolution No. 2,035 of September 23rd, 1871.

In substitution of those taxes, and until the new tariff be promulgated, there shall be levied, besides the import duties established in the tariff now in force, a percentage calculated on the amount of the said duties, in the following manner: 30 per cent. for the goods tariffed at 40 per cent. and 50 per cent.; 35 per cent. for those of class 18, now paying the percentage of 21 per cent., and 40 per cent. for all other goods. The aforesaid percentage shall be diminished gradually, in the proportion to be fixed in future Laws of Estimates.

Art. 2. From the same date the anchorage due shall become 200 reis per metric ton of the measurement, the tonnage of vessels measured in any other way being reduced to this measure, for the calculation of the impost.

Sec. 1. All foreign vessels entering ports of the Empire with or without cargo, coming or not from a foreign port, shall be liable to the payment of this impost; excepting only:

1st. Vessels enjoying exemption by virtue of subsisting contracts.

2nd. Vessels of war.

3rd. Vessels putting in for any reason, duly proved, in accordance with the present legislation.