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Foreign Office, June 21, 1875.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. William Gilmour Hall as Consul at Bombay for His Majesty the Emperor of Austria.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Andrew Henry Julius Baass as Consul at Sydney, New South Wales, for His Majesty the Emperor of Austria.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. George Gerard as Consul at Port Stanley for the United States of America.

Whitehall, June 21, 1875.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Robert Maguire, M.A., to the Rectory of St. Olave, in the borough of Southwark, in the county of Surrey, and diocese of Winchester, void by the death of the Reverend John Bowstead.

(H. 4707.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, June 19, 1875.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at the Hague, enclosing the following translation of a measure recently passed by the Dutch Chambers, relative to the abolition of light, beacon, and tonnage dues, and to the measurement of ships:—

ART. 1. Light, beacon, and tonnage dues which are raised in accordance with the Law of August, 13, 1849, are abolished.

No charge is made for the placing of buoys, lights, or beacons in navigable waters, as referred to in that Law, except in the following cases:—

- a. Light dues charged at particular places for the lighting of harbour lights, not in the interest of the general navigation of the channel, but for the purpose of facilitating the approach to those places;
- b. Beacon dues for the placing of beacons in creeks and small channels leading to particular places, and exclusively for the purpose of facilitating the approach to those places.

ART. 2. The proprietors, shipowners, or masters of sea-ships, who are bound by the Law of May 28, 1869, to be provided with an ordinary Netherland certificate, are required to have their ships measured by officials appointed for that purpose,

at the place where the ship is stationed, whenever it is thought necessary.

ART. 3. The unit of the ship's measurement is the cubic mètre.

The certificate of measurement to be handed over to the master shall state the capacity of the ship, both in that unit and in register tons of 2·83 cubic mètres. A general measure of internal administration shall further regulate the measurement of the ships in accordance with the Moorsom system, and fixes the time at which the provisions of this Article shall come into operation.

ART. 4. To commence at the time appointed, according to the latter part of the previous Article, the consular fees, for the calculation of which the ton at $1\frac{1}{2}$ of the cube of the mètre has hitherto served as basis, shall be raised according to the scale of one cubic mètre. The tariff of those fees shall be modified by a general measure of internal administration in such a manner that they shall not be increased by the change of the unit and mode of measurement.

ART. 5. Foreign vessels shall be measured in the same manner as Netherlands ships, on their first arrival in Holland. If those vessels are provided with a foreign certificate of measurement, given to them by a competent authority, their capacity can be calculated according to Dutch measurement. The declaration respecting this calculation is to take the place of the certificate of measurement, according to Articles 7 and 8 of the Law of July 14, 1855. The calculation is further to be determined by a general measure of internal administration.

ART. 6. Vessels belonging to countries in which the same system of measurement exists as in the Netherlands, may be exempted from measurement in this country, on condition of reciprocity and the further necessary provisions.

ART. 7. Articles 2, 3, and 4 of the above-mentioned Law of July 14, 1855, are revoked. The last sentence of Article 2 shall however remain in force up to the time to be determined according to the latter part of Article 2 of this Law.

ART. 8. This Law shall come into operation on July 1, 1875.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
22nd June, 1875.*

4th Regiment of Hussars, Serjeant-Major John Green to be Sub-Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant J. W. Lay, promoted. Dated 23rd June, 1875.