

*Privy Council Office, November 27, 1875.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that three Petitions have been presented to Her Majesty in Council from the Corporation and from certain Inhabitant Householders and others of the Town and Borough of Conway, in the County of Carnarvon, praying under the Acts 5th and 6th William the Fourth, and 1st Vict., cap. 78, that a CHARTER OF INCORPORATION may be granted to that town. And notice is hereby further given, that Her Majesty has been pleased, by Her Order in Council of this day's date, to order that the said Petition be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on Friday, the seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

*Council Office, Whitehall, November 29, 1875.*

HER Majesty has been pleased, by Her Order in Council of the twenty-seventh of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, to grant to William Firth, of Leeds, in the county of York, Merchant, and William North, of the same place, Gentleman, a prolongation for the term of seven years of certain Letters Patent for "improvements in machinery and apparatus for working coal and other mines," such Letters Patent having been originally granted to George Edmund Donisthorpe and William Firth, of Leeds, in the county of York, Merchants, and Robert Ridley, of Leeds aforesaid, Engineer, and bearing date the twenty-sixth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and all Her Majesty's Colonies and Plantations abroad.

*Windsor Castle, November 27, 1875.*

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Harcinge Stanley Giffard, Esq., Q.C., Her Majesty's Solicitor-General.

*Downing Street, November 29, 1875.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir Alfred Stephen, K.C.M.G., C.B., to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales.

*Whitehall, November 30, 1875.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Sir William Robert Seymour Vesey Fitzgerald, G.C.S.I., to be Chief Charity Commissioner for England and Wales, in the room of Sir James Hill, deceased.

By virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-second year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to extend the Act of the twenty-fourth year of King George the Third, chapter twenty-six, for issuing writs during any recess of the House of Commons, whether by prorogation or adjournment;" and of an Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to further limit and define the time for proceeding to Election during the Recess."

I do hereby give notice, that it hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of

two Members serving in this present Parliament, in the manner required by the said Act, that George Augustus Frederick Cavendish Bentinck, Esq., late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the borough of Whitehaven, hath accepted the office of Her Majesty's Judge Advocate-General, and has been gazetted thereto in the London Gazette, dated the 26th day of November, 1875, and has thereby vacated his seat; and that I shall issue my Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said borough, at the end of six days after the insertion of this notice in the London Gazette.

Given under my hand this twenty-eighth day of November, 1875.

H. BRAND, Speaker.

*Admiralty, 26th November, 1875.*

The following promotion has been this day made:—

Commander Henry Forster Cleveland to be Captain in Her Majesty's Fleet.

The seniority of Fleet Surgeon Dugald McEwan, M.D., has been altered to 18th October, 1875, instead of 19th October, 1875, as given in the London Gazette of the 9th instant.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, and 4th February, 1875—

Fleet Surgeon John Jack has been placed on the Retired List from this date.

*Admiralty, 27th November, 1875.*

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870—

Navigating Lieutenant James Stook Barrett has been placed on the Retired List of his rank from the 22nd instant.

*War Office, Pall Mall.*

*30th November, 1875.*

*Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, Riding Master John Boswell retires upon temporary half-pay. Dated 1st December, 1875.*

*1st Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant James Budden retires from the Service, receiving the value of his Commission. Dated 1st December, 1875.*

*4th Dragoon Guards, Sub-Lieutenant Joseph Watkins William Darley to be Lieutenant. Dated 12th November, 1874.*

*6th Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant Charles Edward Byrom retires from the Service, receiving the value of his Commission. Dated 1st December, 1875.*

*9th Lancers, Captain Herbert Wynne Apperley, from the 11th Hussars, to be Captain, vice F. De la Garde Grissell, who exchanges. Dated 1st December, 1875.*

*11th Hussars, Captain Frank De la Garde Grissell, from the 9th Lancers, to be Captain, vice H. W. Apperley, who exchanges. Dated 1st December, 1875.*

*Lieutenant Francis Godschall Johnson resigns his Commission. Dated 1st December, 1875.*

*Grenadier Guards, Major and Brevet Colonel W. H. B. de Horsey to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Brevet Colonel Michael Bruce, promoted Major-General. Dated 22nd September, 1875.*