

of lacing and fastening wearing apparel and other articles with the same."

An Act for rendering valid certain Letters Patent granted to Charles Henry Hall for "improvements in steam pumps or apparatus for elevating fluids by steam."

An Act for rendering valid certain Letters Patent granted to Edward Milner for "improvements in the method of producing white pigments from lead."

An Act for empowering the British Gas Light Company Limited to enlarge their works, to extend their limits, and to expend further capital at Kingston-upon-Hull; and for other purposes.

An Act for empowering the Local Board for the District of Padilham and Hapton, in the county of Lancaster, to acquire the undertaking of the Padilham Gas Light and Coke Company; and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Leicester, to construct additional works for the prevention of floods in the borough; and for other purposes.

An Act for extending the time for the completion of the works authorised by "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands Supplemental Act (Ireland), 1868."

An Act for extending the time limited by "The Pegwell Bay Reclamation and Sandwich Haven Improvement Act, 1873," for the purchase of land and the completion of works; and for other purposes.

An Act for rendering valid certain Letters Patent granted to William Cameron Sillar, Robert George Sillar, and George William Wigner for "improvements in deodorizing and purifying sewage and making manure therefrom."

An Act to provide for the closing of the Coombe Hill Canal Navigation, and the sale of the site thereof; and for other purposes.

An Act for extending the boundary of the borough of Romsey, in the county of Southampton; and for other purposes.

An Act for incorporating the Maidenhead Gas Company, and for conferring upon them powers for the supply of gas to the borough of Maidenhead, and certain neighbouring places, in the counties of Berks and Buckingham; and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Edinburgh and District Water Trustees to abandon their authorised Edgelaw reservoir, and to construct the same on another site, and also to construct a reservoir at Roseberry, and other works, and to make further provision for the supply of water to their district and otherwise; and for other purposes.

An Act for amending the Act (Local) of the thirteenth year of Her present Majesty, chapter five, commonly known as the Brighton Improvement (Purchase of Royal Pavilion, &c.) Act; and for other purposes.

An Act to confer further powers on the City of Glasgow Union Railway Company, the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company, and the North British Railway Company; and for other purposes.

An Act to grant further powers to the Rossendale Union Gas Company.

An Act to amend and extend the Thames Tunnel Act, 1866; and for other purposes.

An Act for incorporating the Erwood Bridge Company and for empowering them to construct a bridge over the River Wye, with approaches thereto in the counties of Brecon and Radnor; and for other purposes.

An Act for improving certain waste lands called Flookersbrook, in the townships of New-

ton and Hoole, and county of Chester; and for other purposes.

Council Office, Whitehall, May 29, 1876.

HER Majesty has been pleased, by Her Order in Council of the 17th May instant, to grant to John Rogerson, of Croxdale Hall, near Durham, Esquire, William Godden, of No. 34, Old Jewry, in the city of London, Gentleman, and James Wilson Holme, of No. 34, Old Jewry aforesaid, Gentleman, a prolongation for the term of five years of certain Letters Patent for "improvements in the production or manufacture of steel and iron of a steely quality," such Letters Patent having been originally granted to Charles Attwood, of Tow Law Iron Works, in the county of Durham, Ironmaster, and bearing date the 15th day of May, 1862, 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.

Admiralty, 30th May, 1876.

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

Lieutenant Patrick Abercrombie Black has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Retired Commander, from the 23rd instant.

Paymaster Henry Edwin Kitchen has been placed on the Retired List of his rank from the 25th instant.

Admiralty, 31st May, 1876.

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

Chief Engineer Edmund Rivers has been placed on the Retired List of his rank from the 29th instant.

Admiralty, 1st June, 1876.

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

Lieutenant James Evans has this day been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Retired Commander.

Lieutenant Edward Padwick Hocker has been this day placed on the Retired List of his rank.

Admiralty, 2nd June, 1876.

The undermentioned Officer has this day been promoted to the rank of Fleet Surgeon in Her Majesty's Fleet, with the seniority stated against his name:—

Clark A. Duckett, Esq., M.D., with seniority of the 28th May, 1876.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
2nd June, 1876.*

COMMISSARIAT AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

Commissary Wellesey Gordon Walker Robinson, with the local and temporary rank of Assistant Commissary-General while employed in the Straits Settlements command, to be Assistant Commissary-General. Dated 27th November, 1875.