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Whitehall, October 13, 1876.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant the office of Her Majesty's Advocate for Scotland unto William Watson, Esq., Her Majesty's Solicitor-General for Scotland, in the room of the Right Honourable Edward Strathearn Gordon, appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary by the style and title of Baron Gordon, of Drumearn, under the provisions of "The Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1876."

Downing Street, October 11, 1876.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint James Herman de Ricci, Esq., to be Substitute Procureur and Advocate-General for the Island of Mauritius.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
13th October, 1876.*

Chaplains' Department, The Reverend Joseph H. Sutton Moxly to be Chaplain of the Fourth Class, from the 17th March, 1876, such ante-date not to carry back allowances.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875 (38 Vic., c. 17.)

WHEREAS by Section 68 of the above-named Act, it is provided as follows:—

"The Council of any Borough which is assessed to the county rate of any county by the Justices of such county, and the Commissioners of any Improvement District, may, by order of a Secretary of State made upon the application of such Council or Commissioners, and published in the London Gazette, be declared to be a Local Authority for the purposes of this Act, and thereupon shall become a Local Authority accordingly for such part of their borough or district as is not included in any harbour, to the exclusion of the Justices in Petty Sessions."

And whereas an application has been made to me by the Council of the borough of Rochdale to be declared a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act, in accordance with the provision aforesaid.

Now I, the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby, in virtue of the powers contained in the said section, declare the Council of

the borough of Rochdale to be a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act.

Richard Assheton Cross.

Whitehall, October 12, 1876.

THE FAIRS ACT, 1871.

GRAYS THURROCK FAIRS.

IN pursuance of the above-mentioned Act, I, the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, hereby notify as follows:

1. By Memorial, dated the 6th day of October, 1876, a representation has been duly made to me by the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the Division of Orsett, in the county of Essex, that Fairs have been annually held on the 23rd and 24th days of May, and on the 20th day of October, in the parish of Grays Thurrock, in the said division of the said county, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that such Fairs should be abolished:

2. On the 11th day of November, 1876, I shall take the aforesaid representation into consideration, and all persons are to intimate, before that day, any objection they may desire to offer to the abolition of the said Fairs.

Richard Assheton Cross.

Whitehall, October 11, 1876.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 125.)—IRELAND—EAST COAST.

Light Vessel Marking Wreck off Kish Bank.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 169, dated 20th November, 1875, and No. 174, dated 27th November, 1875,—

Information has been received from the Commissioners of Irish Lights, that the light vessel moored to the eastward of the wreck of H.M.S. "Vanguard," off Kish Bank, was, on the 29th September, 1876, replaced by another light vessel.

The present light vessel, which is painted green, exhibits (as heretofore) a revolving green light every minute; a gong also is sounded in thick or foggy weather. The vessel is in other respects similar to the former, but has only one mast, instead of three.

By command of their Lordships,

Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

9th October, 1876.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty