Duchy of Lancaster, February 7, 1877.

. THE Queen has been this day pleased to appoint George Blucher Heneage Marton, Esq., of Capernwray, to be Sheriff of the County Palatine of Lancaster for the year ensuing.

The Prince of Wales's Council Chamber, Buckingham Gate, February 8, 1877.

HIS Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal of the Duchy of Cornwall appointing Jonathan Rashleigh, of Menabilly, Esq., Sheriff of the County of Cornwall.

A T the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 8th day of February, 1877.

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

PRESENT:

Lord President. Viscount Sandon.

THE Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under The Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1869, (in this Order referred to as the Act of 1869,) and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

- 1. This Order shall take effect from and immediately after the tenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven; and words in this Order have the same meaning as in the Act of 1869.
- 2. All the regulations of the Fourth Schedule to the Act of 1869 shall apply to cattle, sheep, and goats brought to Great Britain from a port or place in The Netherlands, and landed in Great Britain, and such cattle, sheep, and goats shall not be landed except at a landing-place within the respective defined parts of the following ports:

Glasgow. Middlesbrough.
Goole. Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Grimsby. Plymouth.
Hartlepool. Shields, North.
Hull. Southampton.
Littlehampton. Sunderland.
London.

3. All such cattle, sheep, and goats shall be slaughtered within ten days after the landing thereof, exclusive of the day of landing.

But this Article shall operate subject to the special provisions of the Order of Council defining parts of the Port of Southampton, dated the fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

C. L. Peel.

Council Office, Whitehall, February 8, 1877.

HER Majesty has been pleased, by Her Order in Council of the 7th February, 1877, to grant to John Keats, of Wood Green, in the county of Middlesex, and John Batley, of Leeds, in the county of York, and of 7, Kensington Parkgardens, in the said county of Middlesex, Machinist, a prolongation for the term of seven a

years of certain Letters Patent for "improvements in sewing machines," such Letters Patent having been originally granted to the said Jolin Keats and William Stephens Clark, of Street, in the county of Somerset, Boot and Shoe Manufacturers, and bearing date the 14th April, 1863, for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

Buckingham Palace, February 7, 1877.

THIS day had audience of Her Majesty:-

Kuo-Sung-tao, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the Emperor of China, to deliver his Credentials;

Senor Don José M. Rojas, Minister Resident from the United States of Venezuela, to deliver his Credentials;

To which audiences they were respectively introduced by the Earl of Derby, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Lieutenant-General Sir Francis Seymour, Bart., K.C.B., Her Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies.

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Board of Trade, 1, Whitehall, February 8, 1877.

WITH reference to the notice inserted in the London Gazette of the 25th January last, on the subject of the prohibition of the export of cattle and grain from the Province of Smyrna, the Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from the acting British Consul at Smyrna, reporting that the prohibition has been rescinded as regards the export of grain, but remains in force as regards the export of cattle.

Admiralty, 6th February, 1877.

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

Surgeon David James Freeman has been placed on the Retired List from the 31st ultimo.

Admiralty, 7th February, 1877.

The following qualified Candidates for the Naval Medical Service have been appointed to be Surgeons in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 30th September, 1876:—

John Davey Henwood. Henry William Duffield Walsh. Myles O'Connell McSwiny. Henry Brougham Guppy, M.B. Jephson John Connell, M.D. Thomas Crichton Mugliston. Thomas Edward Henry Williams. Francis Williamson. Robert Murdoch, M.B. William Masters Rae. George William Frederick Armstrong, M.D. Leonard Henry Kellett, M.B. James Crawford Dow, M.B. Charles Francis Newland. Penrose John Barcroft. George Despard Twigg. George Joseph Fogerty. William John Brownrigg Bookey. John Norris Browning.

Laurence William Corcoran, M.B.