

Whitehall, August 18, 1877.

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, appointing the Right Honourable Sir James Fergusson, Bart., K.C.M.G., Archibald Campbell Swinton, Esq., Peter MacLagan, Esq., James Arthur Crichton, Sheriff of the county of Fife, Esq., and William Ferguson, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Commissioners to inquire into the laws regulating the Sale and Consumption of Excisable Liquors sold not for Consumption on the Premises in Scotland, and to report whether, in their opinion, any alterations, and if any, what alterations, ought to be made in the said laws.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint William John Mure, Esq., to be Secretary to the Commission.

Whitehall, August 20, 1877.

The Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, to appoint Charles Lennox Kerr, Esquire (commonly called Lord Charles Lennox Kerr), Norman McPherson, Esq., Advocate, and Henry Gordon Cumming, Esq., to be the Special Commissioners for Solway Fisheries, under the provisions of "The Solway Salmon Fisheries Commissioners (Scotland) Act, 1877."

Downing Street, August 21, 1877.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Brigadier-General Sir Robert Michael Laffan, R.E., K.C.M.G., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bermudas or Somers Islands.

*Veterinary Department, Privy Council Office,
44, Parliament-street, Westminster, S. W.*

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1869.

NOTICE is hereby given, that no further outbreak of cattle-plague in Great Britain has been reported to the Privy Council since the notice in the London Gazette of the 17th of July last.

August 21, 1877.

(M. 10,560.)

*Marine Department, Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens, August 17, 1877.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following notification of the adoption, by the European Commission of the Danube, of the System of Tonnage Measurement recommended by the International Commission of Constantinople, and put in practice for the passage of the Suez Canal:—

"The European Commission of the Danube adopts, from the 1st of January, 1878, in its entirety, the system of tonnage measurement recommended by the International Commission of Constantinople, and put in practice for the passage of the Suez Canal.

"From the 1st of January, 1878, the reduction of 3 per cent. of taxation allowed to steam vessels with fixed bunkers, and the surtax of 11 per cent. charged on vessels measured according to paragraph A, Clause XXIII, of

the Merchant Shipping Act of 1854, shall be alike suppressed, and every steam vessel which shall not present a special certificate indicating that her tonnage has been calculated according to the system above mentioned, shall be measured at Sulina by the Navigation Cash Office for the purpose of ascertaining the taxable tonnage."

(S. & C. 1937.)

*Board of Trade, 1, Whitehall,
August 2^o, 1877.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Decree of the President of the French Republic, prohibiting the importation of potatoes into France from Germany, in consequence of the appearance of the Colorado beetle in the latter country.

Admiralty, 17th August, 1877.

The following promotions have been made:—

Navigating Sub-Lieutenants:

Ernest James Fleet,

William Henry Pierce Buckner,

to be Lieutenants in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 10th instant.

Admiralty, 18th August, 1877.

The following promotion has been made:—

Engineer George Whitting to be Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of the 8th instant.

War Office, Pall Mall,

21st August, 1877.

Corps of Royal Engineers, Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Richard Armstrong Roberts (late Madras), retires upon a pension. Dated 22nd August, 1877.

Major William Henry Edgcome (late Madras), on the Seconded List, to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 22nd August, 1877.

Major Grenville Pulteney de Palezieux Falconnet (late Madras), to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Brevet Colonel R. A. Roberts. Dated 22nd August, 1877.

Captain Charles Alexander Sim (late Madras) to be Major, vice G. P. de P. Falconnet. Dated 22nd August, 1877.

Lieutenant Herbert Hughes Whatley to be Captain, vice C. A. Sim (late Madras). Dated 22nd August, 1877.

BREVET.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Richard Armstrong Roberts, Royal (late Madras) Engineers, to have the honorary rank of Major-General on retiring upon a pension. Dated 22nd August, 1877.

War Office, 21st August, 1877.

MILITIA.

ARTILLERY.

Argyll and Bute.

The undermentioned Sub-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—

William Hoad. Dated 14th August, 1875.

Celestine Norman Lamont. Dated 13th November, 1875.

James Mitchell Mutter, Dated 3rd May, 1876.