

Skelmersdale, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Earl of Lathom, in the county palatine of Lancaster.

Whitehall, April 29, 1880.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland granting the dignities of a Viscount and an Earl of the said United Kingdom to George Watson, Baron Sondes, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the names, styles, and titles of Viscount Throwley, in the county of Kent, and Earl Sondes, of Lees Court, in the said county of Kent.

Whitehall, April 29, 1880.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal granting the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto the undermentioned persons, and the heirs male of their respective bodies lawfully begotten; namely:—

Charles Frederick Abney-Hastings, of Donington Park, in the county of Leicester, Esq., by the name, style, and title of Baron Donington, of Donington Park, in the said county of Leicester.

Arthur Edwin Hill Trevor, Esq. (commonly called Lord Arthur Edwin Hill Trevor), by the name, style and title of Baron Trevor, of Brynkinalt, in the county of Denbigh.

Montagu William Lowry-Corry, Esq., C.B., by the name, style, and title of Baron Rowton, of Rowton Castle, in the county of Salop.

Whitehall, April 30, 1880.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal granting the dignity of a Baronet of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto the undermentioned Gentlemen, and their respective heirs male of their bodies lawfully begotten; namely:—

The Right Honourable John Robert Mowbray, of Warennes Wood, in the parish of Stratfield Mortimer, in the county of Berks, and of Bishopwearmouth, in the county palatine of Durham.

Archibald Campbell Campbell, of Blythswood, in the county of Renfrew, Esq.

Thomas Meyrick, of Bush House, in the parish of Saint Mary, Pembroke, in the county of Pembroke, and of Apley Castle, in the parish of Wellington, in the county of Salop, Esq.

John Farnaby Lennard, of Wickham Court, in the parish of West Wickham, in the county of Kent, Esq.

Henry Allsopp, of Hindlip Hall, in the parish of Hindlip, in the county of Worcester, Esq.

Henry William Ripley, of Rawdon, in the West Riding of the county of York, and of Bedstone, in the county of Salop, Esq.

James Bourne, of Hackinsall Hall, in the parish of Stalmine, and of Heathfield, in the parish of Childwell, both in the county palatine of Lancaster, Esq.

Gabriel Goldney, of Beechfield, in the parish of Corsham, and of Bradenstoke Abbey, in the parish of Lyneham, both in the county of Wilts, Esq.

Sir Edward William Watkin, of Northenden, in the county palatine of Chester, Knt.

Edward Bates, of Bellefield, in the county palatine of Lancaster, Gyrn Castle, in the parish of Holywell, in the county of Flint, and of Manydown, in the parish of Basingstoke, in the county of Southampton, Esq.

Whitehall, April 30, 1880.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto William Henry Venables Vernon, Esq., the office and place of Advocate-General of the Island of Jersey, in the room of George Clement Bertram, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, promoted to the office of Procurator-General of the said Island of Jersey.

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, April 26, 1880.

HER Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the "Albert Medal of the Second Class" on—

MR. GEORGE OATLEY, Gunner's Mate in the Royal Navy, and Drill Instructor of the Royal Naval Reserve at Peterhead.

The following is an account of the services in respect of which the decoration has been conferred:—

On Monday, the 16th February, during a very heavy gale, a vessel, which proved to be the Swedish schooner "Augusta," was observed by the Coast Guard at Peterhead showing signals of distress and labouring heavily in the trough of the sea.

On reaching the opening of the Peterhead South Bay the vessel headed for the land. As it was clear that she would come ashore, the life saving apparatus was at once started, but by the time it reached the beach the vessel had struck on the rocks near Boddam, about four miles south of Peterhead, and drifted towards the shore, where she lay exposed to all the fury of the gale. Two rockets were fired, and the second carried the line over the stern of the vessel, but the crew were quite ignorant of the working of the apparatus, and were unable to avail themselves of the assistance. OATLEY thereupon took off his clothes, and swimming through the breakers and broken water, reached the smooth water between the ship and the rocks, and was pulled on board by a rope thrown to him. He then proceeded to haul in the line and fix it to the rigging, after which the crew, five in number, were one by one drawn ashore. OATLEY, who contrary to the captain's wishes, was the last to leave the ship, was landed benumbed with cold and fatigue, and cut and bleeding from contact with the rocks. OATLEY is not of a strong constitution and was invalided five years ago for phthisis.

Admiralty, 27th April, 1880.

THE following promotion has been made from the 20th April, 1880:—
Commander Arthur Knyvet Wilson to be Captain in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Admiralty, 28th April, 1880.

Navigating Lieutenant Selby Lilburn has been promoted to the rank of Staff Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of this date. Navigating Sub-Lieutenant William George Barr has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 16th April, 1880.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, and 29th November, 1879—

Lieutenant John Clark Drew has been placed on the Retired List of his rank from the 25th instant.