

Westminster, June 29, 1883.

THIS day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

Lord Alcester's Grant Act, 1883.

Lord Wolsley's Grant Act, 1883.

Municipal Corporations Act, 1883.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1883.

Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (Killarney Waterworks) Act, 1883.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1883.

Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Act, 1883.

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1883.

Water Orders Confirmation Act, 1883.

Hounslow and Metropolitan Railway Act, 1883.

Workington Local Board Water Act, 1883.

East London Railway Act, 1883.

Great Western and Llynvi and Ogmere Railway Companies Amalgamation Act, 1883.

An Act for rendering valid certain Letters Patent granted to Joseph Law and Henry Law, for "improvements in appliances for heating, hardening, and tempering wire used in the manufacture of cards for carding fibres."

Cambrian Railways Act, 1883.

Downham and Stoke Ferry Railway Act, 1883.

Great Eastern, Tendring Hundred, and Clacton-on-Sea Railway Companies Act, 1883.

Sheffield Corporation Act, 1883.

Staveley Waterworks (Transfer, &c.) Act, 1883.

Belfast Harbour Act, 1883.

Aberdeen Extension and Improvement Act, 1883.

Glasgow and South Western Railway Act, 1883.

Longton Improvement Act, 1883.

North Eastern Railway (General) Act, 1883.

Waterford and Limerick Railway Act, 1883.

Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay Railway Act, 1883.

Glasgow, Yoker, and Clydebank Railway Act, 1883.

London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Act, 1883.

North British Railway Act, 1883.

Deaf and Dumb Poor Asylum Act, 1883.

Birmingham Corporation (Consolidation) Act, 1883.

Heywood Corporation Act, 1883.

Liverpool Improvement Act, 1883.

Canvey Island (Sea Defences) Act, 1883.

Penzance Corporation Act, 1883.

Bristol Port and Channel Dock Act, 1883.

Borrowstounness Harbour Act, 1883.

Burnley Borough Improvement Act, 1883.

Nottingham Corporation Act, 1883.

Thames Act, 1883.

(H. 4642.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
Whitehall Gardens, June 29, 1883.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the following copy of a Decree issued by the Republic of Honduras upon the subject of Navigation Patents, viz. :—

Office of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,  
Tegucigalpa, January 1, 1883.

SEEMING that during the administration of the former Governments, the Consular and Diplomatic Agents of the Republic gave, without any discrimination, Patents of Navigation to vessels of sundry nationalities, which, according to information received, still sail under the flag of Honduras; that the issue of Patents of Navigation has not even been officially communicated to the Government of Honduras, which is called upon to protect ships trading under the national flag; and that it is suitable to put an end to that vicious practice, which has given and may give room for the commission of abuses prejudicial to this country and to the interests of commerce; the President decrees:

1. From this date forward, Patents of Navigation can only be issued directly by the Government of the Republic, and consequently any that may be issued inadvertently by its Diplomatic or Consular Agents are invalid.

2. The space of one year is appointed in order that the owners or masters of ships holding Patents of Navigation issued by Diplomatic or Consular Agents may address themselves to the Government of the Republic, so that, if it consider fit, it may renew the said Patents in due form.

3. After the lapse of the aforesaid space of one year, the Patents of Navigation already issued by Diplomatic or Consular Agents of this Republic shall be altogether invalid; and

4. The office of the Secretary for Foreign Affairs shall communicate this Decree to all the Governments of the nations with whom the Government of this country is in correspondence, and further it shall take suitable measures that the said regulation may have the greatest publicity in the foreign press for the information of all persons who may have any interest therein.

Let this be published and registered.

Signed for the President, Rosa.

(H. 5117.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
Whitehall Gardens, July 2, 1883.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the following Telegram from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Constantinople, with reference to cholera in Egypt:—"Ottoman Board of Health enforce on all arrivals from Egypt ten days' quarantine if free from cholera, and fifteen days if real or suspected cases on board. There is further a medical inspection at Dardanelles. Quarantine to be performed at Smyrna or Beyrout for vessels bound to Mediterranean Turkish ports; those for Red Sea ports go to Camaran."

Admiralty, 29th June, 1883.

Sub-Lieutenant Arthur Wartensleben Ewart has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 23rd June, 1883.