

As a preparatory signal, a blue pennant will be hoisted at the mast-head at half-past twelve, and hauled down at ten minutes to one o'clock, when the Ball will be run up to the mast-head and dropped as above.

In the event of its being necessary at any time to suspend the dropping of the Time Ball, either from strength of wind or any casualty occurring to the apparatus, this will be indicated by a white pennant being hoisted instead of the blue preparatory pennant.

Assigned position of the Time Ball, lat. 37*d.* 52*m.* 42*s.* S. long., 144*d.* 55*m.* 28*s.* E.

TIDAL SIGNALS.

A flagstaff having been erected at Point Lonsdale, the following signals will be hoisted upon it between sunset and sunrise on and after this date, to denote the state of the tides at the Heads:—

A blue flag will be hoisted half-mast high when the tide begins to flow in the middle of the entrance between Points Lonsdale and Nepean, which will be kept flying all the first quarter of the flood tide.

The second quarter, a blue flag at the mast-head.

The third quarter, a red flag half-mast high.

The last quarter, a red flag at the mast head.

Ebb Tide.

The first quarter, a blue flag half-mast high, with a ball underneath.

The second quarter, a blue flag at the mast-head, with a ball underneath.

The third quarter, a red flag half-mast high, with a ball underneath.

The last quarter, a red flag at the mast-head, with a ball underneath.

River Yarra Yarra.

The following Tidal Signals will also be hoisted at the foremast-head of the Water Police Hulk, moored at the entrance of the River Yarra, to denote the height of the tide on the Bar:—

When there is 8 feet water on the Bar, a ball will be hoisted at the mast-head.

8½ feet—a ball half-mast high.

9 feet—two balls at the mast-head.

9½ feet—two balls half-mast high.

10 feet—a blue flag at the mast-head.

10½ feet—a blue flag half-mast high.

11 feet—a red flag at the mast-head.

CHARLES FERGUSON,

Port and Harbour Master.

22d December 1853.

OFFICE OF ORDNANCE, July 13, 1854.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

John Thomas Cochrane, gent. to be Veterinary Surgeon. Dated 9th June 1854.

WHITEHALL, May 26, 1854.

The Right Honourable Sir John Jervis, Knt., Lord Chief-Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed William Plaskitt, of Gainsborough, in the county of Lincoln, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the Parts of Lindsey, in the County of Lincoln.

WHITEHALL, June 2, 1854.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Thomas Lechmere Marriott, of No. 1, Lancaster Place, Strand, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer Oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

The Lord Chancellor has also appointed Edward Robert Kelly, of No. 8, Cook's Court, Lincoln's-Inn, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer Oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

WHITEHALL, June 6, 1854.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Richard Cattarns, of No. 33, Mark Lane, City, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer Oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Perth.

Royal Perthshire Militia.

Henry Maurice Drummond, late Captain in the 42d Royal Highlanders, to be Major, vice Gardiner, deceased. Dated 8th June 1854.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Essex.

The Essex Rifles.

First Lieutenant Matthew Henry Lister to be Captain, vice Jessopp, resigned. Dated 6th June 1854.

George Stuart, Esq. late Captain in the 75th Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Lister, promoted. Dated 9th June 1854.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Bristol.

Royal South Gloucester Light Infantry Regiment of Militia.

William Robinson Partridge, gent. to be Ensign. Dated 5th June 1854.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Glamorgan.

Royal Glamorgan Light Infantry Militia.

James Knight Erskine, Esq. Adjutant, to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 1st June 1854.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent.

East Kent Regiment of Militia.

Wyndham Knight, Esq. late of the Rifle Brigade, to be Captain, vice Warre, resigned. Dated 7th June 1854.

William Henry Keibel, gent. late 66th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Mount, retired on half-pay. Dated 6th June 1854.

Frederick Dickeson Bourne, gent. late 8th Foot, to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th June 1854.

Thomas Mapleson Fitzpatrick, gent. late 30th Foot, to be Lieutenant. Dated 8th June 1854.

Robert Annesley, gent. to be Ensign. Dated 7th June 1854.

West Kent Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.

Lieutenant Richard De Beauvoir Berens to be Captain, vice W. J. Berens, resigned. Dated 7th June 1854.

Cornet Oswald Augustus Smith to be Lieutenant, vice Berens, promoted. Dated 7th June 1854. Charles Laurie, gent. to be Cornet, vice Smith, promoted. Dated 7th June 1854.