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WAR-DEPARTMENT, January 15, 1855.

HIS Grace the Duke of Newcastle has received a Despatch, of which the following is a copy, addressed to His Grace by Field-Marshal the Lord Raglan, G.C.B.

MY LORD DUKE,

*Before Sevastopol,
December 13, 1854.*

IN my Despatch of the 18th of October, reporting the opening of our fire upon the enemy's works, I omitted to mention the name of a highly meritorious Naval Officer who had charge of a battery in the trenches, and rendered himself conspicuous by the manner in which he performed the important duty confided to him.

The officer I allude to is Captain Moorsom, whom I beg leave now to recommend to the notice of your Grace. I did not know until some time afterwards that he was employed in the trenches on the occasion in question; but having now been apprized of it, I avail myself of the present opportunity to rectify an error which might otherwise be prejudicial to a most deserving officer.

I have, &c.,

RAGLAN.

*His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,
&c. &c. &c.*

DOWNING-STREET, January 15, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Hampden King, Esq. to be one of the Judges of the Assistant Court of Appeal for the Island of Barbadoes, and T. H. Bartley, Esq. to be a Member of the Legislative Council of New Zealand.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
January 15, 1855.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Paris, forwarding a French Decree, dated the 6th instant, providing that Foreign Vessels shall pay a fixed tonnage duty of 50 centimes per ton (without the additional tenth) in the Port of Gorée.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
January 15, 1855.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Stockholm, inclosing copy of a Decree published by the College of Commerce at Stockholm, a translation of which is subjoined, respecting the direction across the Sound of the Submarine Cable connecting the Electric Telegraph at Stockholm with that at Copenhagen.

(Copy.)

(Translation.)

THE College of Commerce makes known that according to His Majesty's gracious letter of the 21st ultimo, a Submarine Telegraphic Cable has been put down in the Sound, south of the Island of Hoen, from Hillesborg, on the Swedish side, to Vedbeck, on the coast of Seeland; that in order to point out the position of the line, the following small buoys have been put up, viz.—two at Vedbeck, shewing the direction of the line from there to the S. of Hoen, being E. $\frac{3}{4}$ N. and W. $\frac{3}{4}$ S.; and two at Hillesborg, in the direction of the south point of Hoen, being E. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. and W. by S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.; also at the south end of Hoen, where the line forms an angle, is situated a larger buoy, smaller buoys with flags indicating the line at this part. This the Royal College has been graciously commanded hereby to proclaim, and to give notice that any one who injures the telegraph apparatus in any way is to be answerable for the same, as, in consequence thereof, no vessels or boats in the Sound are allowed to cast anchor in the above-mentioned direction.

Stockholm, December 12, 1854.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
January 15, 1855.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Rotterdam, inclosing a copy of a Notice to Mariners issued by the Netherland Minister of Marine, a translation of which is subjoined, pointing out the position of a sunken vessel in the Seagat of Goedereede.