

be attributed to his own imprudence; but I do not the less deplore this event, which must also be attributed to the natural emotion of a young soldier, who, in the midst of the events which marked last night, rigorously executed the military regulation.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GL. CANROBERT,
General-in-Chief of the French Army.

Field-Marshal Lord Raglan, &c. &c.

AT the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 31st day of March 1855,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day the Right Honourable Dudley, Earl of Harrowby, and the Right Honourable Edward Pleydell Bouverie, were, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took their respective places at the Board accordingly.

Her Majesty in Council was this day pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Edward John, Lord Stanley of Alderley, and in his absence the Right Honourable Edward Pleydell Bouverie, to be President of the Committee of Council appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations.

Her Majesty in Council was this day pleased to appoint the Right Honourable the Earl of Harrowby, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to be a Member of the Committee of Council on Education.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 31st day of March 1855,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for limiting the time of service in the Army," it was enacted that no person shall be enlisted to serve Her Majesty, or in the Forces of the East India Company, as a soldier, for a longer term than ten years in the Infantry, or twelve years in the Cavalry, or Artillery, or other Ordnance Corps, to be reckoned from the day on which the recruit shall have been attested, if he shall have stated himself to be then of the age of eighteen years, or, if not, then from the day on which he will complete the age of eighteen years, to be reckoned according to the age stated in his attestation.

And whereas by an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to amend the Act for limiting the term of service in the Army," it is enacted that for three years after the passing of this Act any person may be enlisted to serve Her Majesty, or in the Forces of the East India Company, as a soldier, for any such term, not exceeding ten years in the Infantry, or twelve years in the Cavalry, or Artillery, or other Ordnance Corps, to be reckoned as provided in the said first-recited Act, as may be authorized by Her Majesty in Council in this behalf.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that any person may be enlisted as a soldier under the provisions of the said first-recited Act of the 10th and 11th years of the reign of Her Majesty, (cap. thirty-seven,) for

ten years in the Infantry, or for twelve years in the Cavalry, or Artillery, or other Ordnance Corps, and also that any person between the ages of twenty-four and thirty-five years may, under the provisions of the above-recited Act, passed in the present Session of Parliament, for three years after the passing thereof, be enlisted as a soldier in Her Majesty's Infantry Forces, or in the Infantry Forces of the East India Company, for the term of two years, and for such further term, not exceeding one year, as Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct, the term of service to be reckoned as directed and provided in and by the Act of the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty, for limiting the time of service in the Army.

And the Right Honourable Lord Panmure, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and the Right Honourable the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, are to give the necessary directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

C. C. GREVILLE.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace,
March 31, 1855.

Her Majesty having been graciously pleased to deliver the Custody of the Seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster to the Right Honourable Dudley, Earl of Harrowby, the oath of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was this day, by Her Majesty's command, administered to him accordingly.

OFFICE OF ARMS, DUBLIN CASTLE,

29th March 1855.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to grant to the Rev. William Chichester, of Shanes Castle, in the County of Antrim, Prebendary of St Michael's, in the City and Diocese of Dublin, Her Royal licence and authority, bearing date at St James's the 16th day of March 1855, that (in compliance with a proviso in the last will and testament of the Right Honourable Charles-Henry-St John, Earl O'Neill, deceased,) he may take and henceforth use the surname of O'Neill after that of Chichester, and also bear the arms of O'Neill quarterly with those of Chichester.

Provided that Her Majesty's Royal concession and declaration be recorded in the Office of Ulster King of Arms in Ireland, which has been done accordingly.

J. BERNARD BURKE, Ulster.

NOTICE TO MASTERS OF VESSELS TRADING TO
RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 3, 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 Rio Grande do Sul, notifying that British Shipmasters visiting that Port have been in the habit of calculating the Brazilian "Palmo" as equivalent to nine inches British, and to signal the draught of water of their vessels (which is notified in Palmos) according to this estimate.

This custom, although sanctioned by the Sailing Directions with which Shipmasters are usually furnished for their guidance, is stated to have led to many mischiefs and inconveniences.

Her Majesty's Consul at Rio Grande do Sul has therefore officially ascertained from the Captain of that Port that the exact equivalent of the Brazilian Palmo, as used there, is eight and three-quarters inches, British measure.

