FOREIGN OFFICE, September 6, 1855.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Frederick Guarracino, Esq. now British Vice-Consul at Samsoon, to be Her Majesty's Consul for the ports of Samsoon and Sinope.

FOREIGN OFFICE, September 15, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr Alfred Falkenberg, as Consul at Quebec for the King of Sweden and Norway.

DOWNING-STREET, September 14, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Captain William Driscoll Gosset, R.E., to be Surveyor-General of Ceylon; Paul Ivy Sterling, Esq. to be a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Ceylon; and Richard Mercer, Esq. to be House Surgeon to the Colonial Hospital in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

> Board of Trade, Whitehall, September 13, 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 Ambassador at Paris, enclosing copy of a French Imperial Decree repealing the Import Duties on walnut planks, poppy seed, and poppy seed oil.

> Board of Trade, Whitehall, September 17, 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 Madrid, enclosing the subjoined copy of a translation of a Spanish Official Notice relative to the establishment, from the 1st of October next, of a New Light-house, situated to the west of the Canal of Pasages (Province of Guipuzcoa), called Cape Plata.

(Translation.)

Light-houses on the Coasts of Spain on the Ocean.

THE Ministry of Marine has communicated to the Hydrographical Office, through the Ministry of Public Works, some data relative to the establishment of a new light-house, erected by the Corps of Engineers of roads, canals, and ports, according to which the following notice has been drawn up.

Light-house on the Cape La Plata, at Pasages, (Province of Guipuzcoa.)

From the 1st of October next the above-mentioned light-house will be lighted every night; it is situated to the west of the Channel of Pasages, in 43° 20' 21" N. latitude, and 4° 48' 43" E. longitude from the Naval Observatory of San Fernando.

Its apparatus is of the fourth catadioptrical order, with a permanent light of natural color, and its range will be of about 14 miles, under favourable atmospherical circumstances.

The luminous focus stands at an elevation of 532 Castilian feet (148, 125 metres) above the level of equinoxial tides.

This publication is made for the purpose expressed at the beginning of this notice.

Madrid, September 4, 1855.

Board of Trade, Whitehall,

September 17, 1855.
The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Valparaiso, inclosing a Memorandum by the Master of the British barque Druid, reporting the existence of a very dangerous patch of breakers lying as near as the Master could ascertain, about five miles N.N.E. of the rocky islet of Sala by Gomez, in lat. 26° 28' S., long. 105° 20' W. This island is however said to lie in long. 105° 26' W. by the best authorities.

By the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the 54th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, chapter 159, intituled "An Act for the better regulation of the several ports, harbours, roadsteads, sounds, channels, bays, and navigable rivers in the United Kingdom, and of His Majesty's docks, dockyards, arsenals, wharfs, moorings, and stores therein, and for repealing several Acts passed for that purpose," it is enacted (among other things) that no person or persons shall take any ballast or shingle from the shores or banks, or any portion of the shores or banks, of any port, harbour, or haven of this kingdom, from which the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom for the time being shall find it necessary for the protection of such port, harbour, or haven, or the works thereof, by order, under their, or the hand of their Secretary, and published in the London Gazette, shall prohibit the taking or removing of such shingle or ballast upon pain of forfeiting for every such offence the sum of Ten Pounds.

And whereas we, as Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom, have found it necessary for the protection of the Harbour of Harwich, in the county of Essex, to prohibit the taking or removing of any ballast or shingle from the shores or banks, or any portion of the shores or banks of the said harbour, between high and low water mark on that part of the foreshore, extending from the breakwater at Beacon Cliff, for one mile to southward. And we do therefore hereby order, that no person or persons shall take or remove any ballast or shingle from such shores or banks, or any portion of such shores or banks of the said harbour

before described.

Given under our hands this 13th day of September 1855.

HENRY EDEN, ROBERT PEEL,

Two of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom.

WAR-OFFICE, September 18, 1855.

39th Regiment of Foot.

To be Lieutenants, by purchase. Ensign W. O. Smith, vice Phillipps, promoted.

Dated 31st August 1855.
Ensign F. S. Hore, vice Young, who retires.
Dated 31st August 1855.

47th Foot-Ensign E. J. Morres to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Irby, whose promotion, by purchase, on 3d November 1854, has been cancelled. Dated 31st August 1855.