

what is written upon that sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, are to be taken to the Levees, one to be delivered to the Page in the Ante-Room, and the other to the Lord Chamberlain, who will read its contents to the Queen; and, on these occasions, no other statement is to be addressed to Her Majesty.

A Deputation to present an Address is not to exceed four persons.

WAR-DEPARTMENT, March 13, 1856.

LORD PANMURE has this day received two Despatches, and an Enclosure, of which the following are Copies, addressed to his Lordship by General Sir William Codrington, K.C.B.:—

Sevastopol, February 29, 1856.

MY LORD,

THE answer to my enquiries relative to Major McGowan, of 93d Highlanders, is, I regret to state, that this officer died of his wounds in the hospital of Sevastopol, on the 14th August 1855.

I enclose General Lüders' letter, with the Russian official return of Major McGowan's death.

I have, &c.,

W. J. CODRINGTON,
General Commanding.

The Lord Panmure, &c. &c. &c.

Enclosure.

MONSIEUR LE COMMANDANT-EN-CHEF,

THE enquiries made on the subject of Major McGowan of the 93d Regiment of Highlanders, having proved that he has sunk under his wound, I consider it my duty to transmit herewith to your Excellency the certificate of the death of that Officer.

(Signed) A. LUDERS.

Au Quartier Général,
28th February 1856.

*His Excellency General Sir Wm.
Codrington, &c. &c.*

Sevastopol, February 29, 1856.

MY LORD,

I REGRET extremely to have to inform your Lordship of the death of Major Ranken, of the Royal Engineers.

He had the superintendence of the operations necessary for the destruction of the large White Barracks, in the Karabelnaia, where part of the mines were fired yesterday afternoon, but several of them did not explode.

Major Ranken, in the energetic performance of his duty, seems to have proceeded to light the fuze again, in several places where the connection had failed. It appears the powder hose, as well as the fuze, ignited,—the explosion took place, and buried him under the ruins of part of the wall.

Energetic efforts were made at once to discover the body, and the removal of the ruins began and continued throughout the night. This morning the body was found. Death must have been immediate; and thus this excellent and gallant Officer, who had done good duty in the siege and at the assault of the Redan, lost his life from eagerness to complete the work entrusted to him.

I have, &c.

W. J. CODRINGTON,
General Commanding.

The Lord Panmure, &c. &c. &c.

ST JAMES'S PALACE, March 12, 1856.

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Lyon Playfair, H.E.I.C.S., Provost of St Andrews.

ST JAMES'S PALACE, March 12, 1856.

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon William Macarthur, Esq. of Camden Park, New South Wales.

March 13, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Magnus Forbes Morton Herbert, Esq. late Captain of the 48th Regiment, Exon of Her Majesty's Royal Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard, vice Major Phibbs, who retires.

WHITEHALL, March 6, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to renew the Commission of William Mathew Armstrong, gent. as Lieutenant in the Artillery Company of London, for a further period of five years from the date hereof.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Thomas Phillips, gent. to be Lieutenant in the Artillery Company of London for the term of five years from the date hereof.

WHITEHALL, March 13, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Alexander Falconer to the church and parish of Denny, in the presbytery and county of Stirling, vacant by the resignation of the Reverend William Anderson.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, March 13, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr Abraham Joseph as Vice-Consul at Quebec for His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Don Adolfo Guillemard de Aragon as Consul-General at Sierra Leone; Don Gumersindo Ogea y Porras as Vice-Consul at Sierra Leone; Don Pedro Anset y Perez de Lerma as Vice-Consul at Bathurst; and Don Alejandro Creus as Vice-Consul at Accra; for Her Majesty the Queen of Spain.

OFFICE OF ARMS.

DUBLIN CASTLE, March 10, 1856.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to grant to the Reverend William Smyth Guinness, M.A., of Beaumont, in the County of Dublin, Her royal licence and authority, bearing date at St James's, 28th of February 1856, that, in compliance with the testamentary injunction of William Smyth, of the City of Dublin, Esq. deceased, he and his issue may take and use the surname of Grattan in addition to and before that of Guinness, and bear the arms of Grattan quarterly with those of Guinness.

Provided 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.