

WHITEHALL, May 12, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baronet of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Major-General William Fenwick Williams, of Kars, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and to the heirs-male of his body lawfully begotten.

May 10, 1856.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of

Lieutenant John Archibald Ballard, Lieutenant-Colonel in the Service of His Imperial Majesty the Sultan,

Lieutenant Christopher Charles Teesdale, Lieutenant-Colonel in the Service of His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, and

Captain Henry Langhorne Thompson, Major in the Service of His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, to be Honorary Members of the Military Division of the Third Class or Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath;—and of

Dr Humphry Sandwith, late Inspector-General of Hospitals in the Service of His Imperial Majesty the Sultan,

to be an Honorary Member of the Civil Division of the Third Class or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order.

DOWNING-STREET, May 13, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Robert Smith to be Chaplain of the Scots Kirk at Kandy, in the Island of Ceylon; Douglas Wales, Esquire, to be Harbour Master of Port Louis, in the Island of Mauritius; and Henry Connor, Esquire, to be Assessor to the Native Chiefs within the Protected Territories, near or adjacent to the Settlements on the Gold Coast.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, May 12, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr Joao Tertuliano Fernandes Nobrega as Consul at Demerara for His Majesty the King of Portugal and the Algarves.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
May 12, 1856.*

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 Acting Consul at Puerto Rico, reporting that Customs Regulations to the following effect have been established in that Island.

First. That direct importation between that island and ports of produce be protected by a reduction of 6 per cent. upon the duties payable according to the Tariff.

Second. That in future the fines of 2 per cent., imposed by the custom-houses upon invoices of merchandise badly classified, proceeding from St Thomas, be annulled.

That commodities which in quality and essential circumstances do not agree with the manifests that the interested parties have to present, within twenty-four hours after the vessel anchors in the port, shall be denounced for confiscation. Thus,

while affording every facility to honest traffic, a corresponding punishment will be inflicted on those who deliberately attempt to defraud the interests of the Revenue.

Third. That henceforth the 2½ per cent. extra charge upon vessels proceeding from one port, and touching in others not being the productive ones, in search of a market for their cargoes, be not enforced, but they will be obliged to prove in the Custom-house at the port of discharge, by means of Spanish consular certificates, that no business transaction has been effected in ports at which they may have touched.

Fourth. Vessels importing a full cargo into bond will be exempt from tonnage dues; but they will pay them in addition to the ordinary tariff duties, upon the whole or part of the cargo if afterwards declared for consumption.

Fifth. That by way of compensation for the concessions granted to commerce, and with the object also of constructing and maintaining new warehouses that may be projected, a duty of 1½ per cent. will in future be exacted every six months, as a deposit duty upon articles bonded, instead of ½ per cent., as at present paid; the first six months being supposed to have elapsed twenty-four hours after the goods are stored, and the second, twenty-four hours after the completion of the first six months. It being well understood that the effects exported under bond to other ports are not to be charged any other duties, royal or municipal, beyond the one per cent. already mentioned.

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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 Consul at Leghorn, reporting that the Board of Health at that place has decreed a quarantine on all vessels coming from the Levant, of five days, in case of their having no sickness on board or there having been none during the passage, and of fifteen days in case of sickness existing on board or death having occurred during the passage.

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The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a Portuguese regulation issued by the Governor-General of the province of Angola, notifying that no customs' duties will be levied at the port of Ambriz on Foreign commerce, until the expiration of one year from the date of the publication of a tariff of duties, and that the port will therefore continue free for such commerce until the expiration of that period.

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

Queen's Own Royal Regiment of Staffordshire Yeomanry Cavalry.

The Honourable Humble Dudley Ward to be Captain, vice Wrottesley, resigned. Dated 3d May 1856.