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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1857.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, February 10, 1857.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Joseph Andrew Blackwell, Esq. now British Vice-Consul at Lubeck, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Stettin.

WHITEHALL, February 13, 1857.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend James Gunn to the church and parish of Uig, in the presbytery of Lewis, and county of Ross, vacant by the death of the Reverend David Watson, late Minister thereof.

WHITEHALL, February 13, 1857.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal, constituting and appointing Rear-Admiral Peter Richards, C.B., to be one of the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital.

DUBLIN CASTLE, January 30, 1857.

This day his Excellency the Grand Master (by Her Majesty's command), held a Chapter of the Most Illustrious Order of St Patrick, at the Castle of Dublin.

The following Knights Companions, in their Mantles, Stars, and Collars, assembled in the Robing Room, viz.:—The Earl of Howth, the Marquess of Headfort, Lord Farnham, Viscount Massereene and Ferrard, and the Marquess of Londonderry, attended by the following Officers of the Order:—His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, the Chancellor; the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of St Patrick's, the Registrar: Lowry V. Townley Balfour, Esq. the Secretary; Colonel Sir George Morris, Usher of the Black Rod; Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King of Arms, Knight Attendant on the Order; Molyneux Betham, Esq. Cork Herald; and Sheffield Betham, Esq. Dublin Herald.

At Three o'Clock, p.m., the Knights Companions were called over by Ulster, and proceeded to the presence of the Grand Master, who was seated in the Chair of State in the Throne Room, and they, with the usual reverences, took their respective seats at the table, according to their stalls.

His Excellency then commanded Ulster to read Her Majesty's Letter authorizing the Chapter to

be held, which being done, the Earl of Granard was introduced by the Gentleman Usher and Ulster King of Arms, and kneeling, received the honour of Knighthood, and retired.

His Excellency the Grand Master then communicated to the Chapter that Her Majesty had been pleased to nominate Sir George Arthur Hastings, Knight, Earl of Granard, to be a Knight Companion of the Most Illustrious Order, and to command that his Lordship be invested with the Ribbon and Badge.

By command of the Grand Master, the two Junior Knights present proceeded to the door of the Chapter Room, and (Ulster bearing the insignia of the Order before them on a velvet cushion) conducted the Earl of Granard between them to the right of the Chair of State, where his Lordship made and subscribed the declaration appointed by the Statutes; and His Excellency the Grand Master, assisted by the two Senior Knights Companions present, put the Ribbon with the Badge over the Earl's right shoulder, pronouncing the admonition, after which the Earl was congratulated by His Excellency and the Knights present, and took his seat at the table.

The same form of procedure was followed for the investiture of Sir Hugh Viscount Gough, G.C.B.

Ulster, Knight Attendant, then called over the names of the Knights Companions present, who each rose from his seat on the pronouncement of his name, and retired with the usual reverences, whereupon the Chapter broke up.

J. BERNARD BURKE, Ulster.

Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
February 12, 1857.

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 Vienna, stating that a Convention has been signed between Austria and Liechtenstein and the States of the Zollverein, parties to the Convention of July 30, 1838, for the assimilation of the currency throughout Germany; the Act to come into force on the 1st of May next.

