

occo and Fez within Her Majesty's dominions, or the territories of the East India Company, shall be able to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships.

Provided always, that if any such deserter has committed any crime in Her Majesty's dominions, or the territories of the East India Company, he may be detained until he has been tried by a competent Court, and until his sentence (if any), has been fully carried into effect.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 6th day of May 1857.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS, by the "Passengers' Act, 1855," it is amongst other things enacted that before any Passenger Ship shall be cleared out, the Emigration Officer at the port of clearance shall satisfy himself that there is on board a sufficient quantity of pure water, carried in tanks or casks, to secure throughout the intended voyage the issue of three quarts daily to each Statute adult for the use of the passengers, exclusive of the quantity required for cooking; and whereas it is also enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Order in Council, to prescribe such rules and regulations as to Her Majesty may seem fit, for permitting the use on board of Passenger Ships of an apparatus for distilling water, and for defining in such case the quantity of fresh water to be carried in tanks or casks for the passengers.

Now therefore, Her Majesty doth, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and in pursuance and in exercise of the authority vested in Her by the said "Passengers' Act, 1855," hereby order as follows:—

Any "Passenger Ship" propelled wholly by steam engines of not less power than is sufficient, without the aid of sails, to propel the ship at the rate of five Statute miles an hour, may be cleared out and proceed on her voyage, having on board, in tanks or casks, only half the quantity of pure water required by the said Act to be carried for the use of the passengers; provided,

1. That there be on board such Passenger Ship an efficient apparatus, to be approved by the Emigration Officer at the port of clearance, for distilling fresh water from salt water;

2. That the Owners, Charterers, or Masters of the ship, before clearance, lodge with such Emigration Officer a certificate from the Engineer or Surveyor of the Board of Trade, or other competent person to be named by the Emigration Officer, declaring that the apparatus has been, within the seven days immediately preceding the date of such certificate, examined by a competent person, and is then in good working condition, and stating the number of imperial gallons of pure fresh water which it is capable of producing in every twenty-four hours;

3. That the Emigration Officer is satisfied that this number of gallons is not less than the whole number of persons about to proceed on the intended voyage of such ship; that is to say, the whole number of cabin passengers, passengers, and crew;

4. That there is rated on the ship's articles, and on board the ship, some person who, to the satisfaction of the said Emigration Officer, shall be competent for the proper management of such distilling apparatus.

And to prevent all doubts on the construction of this Order in Council, it is hereby further ordered, that the terms "Passenger Ship," "Emigration Officer," "Statute Adult," and "Master," shall herein have the same significations as are assigned to them respectively in the said "Passengers' Act, 1855."

And the Right Honourable Henry Labouchere, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

WAR-OFFICE, May 7, 1857.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of the undermentioned Officer of the Marine of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of the French, to be an Honorary Member of the Military Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross, of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, viz.—

M. l'Amiral Hamelin (Ferdinand Alphonse), Sénateur, Ministre Secrétaire d'Etat au Département de la Marine et des Colonies.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, May 7, 1857.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr M. W. Pitcher as Consul at Geelong for the Free Hanseatic city of Hamburg.

LEGION OF HONOUR.

MEMORANDUM.—Colonel John William Gordon, C.B., of the Royal Engineers, has received Her Majesty's royal licence and permission to accept and wear the *Fourth* Class of the Order of the Legion of Honour, and not the *Fifth* Class, as stated in the Supplement to the London Gazette of Friday, the 1st instant.

Board of Trade, Whitehall  
May 7, 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 Ambassador at Paris, enclosing a Decree, issued by the French Government, opening the Port of Rouen to the importation of spun cotton.

Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
May 7, 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 St Petersburg, enclosing a communication from the Russian Government, stating, with reference to the notification of that Government published in the London Gazette of the 24th of April last, that the certificates required in that notification will not be demanded from vessels proceeding from ports in the Baltic, the North Sea, Holland, Great Britain (except Gibraltar, and Malta), and the French ports in the Channel and on the Atlantic, unless laden with Egyptian cotton.