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TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1857.

ST JAMES'S PALACE, June 18, 1857.

THE Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Charles Cooper, Esq. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia.

Board of Trade, Whitehall, June 19, 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 copy of a French Imperial Decree fixing, as follows, the duties on sulphur imported into France from French Colonies :—

	Per 100 kilos. f.	c.
Raw (comprising ore) :—		
In French ships, from place of origin	0	10
from elsewhere .	0	60
In Foreign ships	1	0
Purified rolled brimstone, or otherwise :—		
In French ships	1	0
In Foreign ships	1	50
Flowers of Sulphur :—		
In French ships	2	0
In Foreign ships	2	50

Board of Trade, Whitehall, June 19, 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 Consul at Lisbon, enclosing copy of a Portuguese Royal Decree, abolishing from the 1st July 1858 the monopoly of soap, and permitting the importation of that article into Portugal and the adjacent Islands, at the following rate of duties :—

	mil.	s.	d.
Common soap of all descriptions	1	(4	6)
Scented soap, in cakes - -	6	(27	0)

The same Decree raises the impost duties to 12 per cent. in specie, on the duties payable in Portuguese Custom-Houses and those of the adjacent Islands, with the exception of that on fresh fish, which is fixed at 5 per cent., and of those duties received in the Municipal Custom-House of Lisbon, which are fixed at 10 per cent., and of those which are farmed, which will remain unaltered until the expiration of the present contracts.

Board of Trade, Whitehall, June 19, 1857.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received information, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, of the intention of the Danish Government to release English ships, immediately and entirely, from the observance of the provisional regulations existing at Elsinore, relative to the Sound dues.

WHITEHALL, May 29, 1857.

The Right Honourable Sir Alexander Edmund Cockburn, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed Alexander Richard Payne, of Milverton, in the county of Somerset, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance in and for the county of Somerset.

CROWN-OFFICE, June 16, 1857.

Days and Places appointed for holding the Summer Assizes, 1857.

NORFOLK CIRCUIT.

Lord Campbell, Lord Chief Justice.
Mr Justice Williams.

Buckinghamshire,—Monday, July 13, at Aylesbury.
Bedfordshire,—Thursday, July 16, at Bedford.
Huntingdonshire,—Monday, July 20, at Huntingdon.
Cambridgeshire,—Wednesday, July 22, at the County Courts.
Norfolk,—Monday, July 27, at the Castle, Norwich.

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