

But is the end proposed attainable at the present moment by the course suggested by the Government of France? Such is the question which has been anxiously and carefully examined by Her Majesty's Government.

After weighing all the information which has been received from America, Her Majesty's Government are led to the conclusion that there is no ground at the present moment to hope that the Federal Government would accept the proposal suggested, and a refusal from Washington at present would prevent any speedy renewal of the offer.

Her Majesty's Government think, therefore, that it would be better to watch carefully the progress of opinion in America, and if, as there appears reason to hope, it may be found to have undergone, or may undergo hereafter, any change, the Three Courts might then avail themselves of such change to offer their friendly counsel with a greater prospect than now exists of its being accepted by the two contending parties.

Her Majesty's Government will communicate to that of France any intelligence they may receive from Washington or Richmond bearing on this important subject.

Your Excellency may read this Despatch to Monsr. Drouyn de Lhuys, and give him a copy of it.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) RUSSELL.

WHITEHALL, November 13, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Staff-Assistant Surgeon James Joseph M'Carthy, M.D., Her Majesty's royal license and permission that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Imperial Order of the Legion of Honour of the Fifth Class, which His Majesty the Emperor of the French has been pleased to confer upon him, as a mark of His Imperial Majesty's approbation of his services while under fire, to the French soldiers wounded during the recent operations in China, and especially to the late Admiral Protet at the moment when he was mortally wounded.

FOREIGN OFFICE, November 5, 1862.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint William Lowther, Esq. now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Berlin, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Embassy at Berlin.

DOWNING STREET, November 12, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Reginald John Corbet, Esq. to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Ceylon.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint the Venerable Archdeacon George Meade Gibbs, M.A., Joseph Henry Boon, Esq. M.D., and Thomas Berkeley Hardtman, Esq. to be Members of the Executive Council of the Island of Saint Christopher; Antonio Mathé, Esq. to be a Member of the Executive Council of the colony of British Honduras; and John Alexander Iles and George Webbe Daniell, Esquires, to be Members of the Executive Council of the Island of Nevis.

Her Majesty has further been pleased to appoint David William Gibbs, Esq. and the Reverend Clarke Augustus Newsam to be Members of the Council of the Island of Grenada.

DUBLIN CASTLE, November 7, 1862.

The Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to appoint Thomas William French, Esq. to be a Resident Magistrate for the County of Clare, pursuant to Act 6 Wm. IV., cap. 13.

THE Names of those who were nominated for Sheriffs by the Lords of the Council at the Exchequer on the Morrow of Saint Martin, in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Queen Victoria, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two:—

ENGLAND

(Excepting Cornwall and Lancashire).

Bedfordshire,	Benjamin Helps Starey, of Milton Earnest, Esq. Robert Henry Lindsell, of Biggleswade, Esq. Lionel Ames, of East Hyde, Esq.
Berkshire,	James Blyth, of Woolhampton House, near Newbury, Esq. Richard Hall Say, of Oakley Court, near Windsor, Esq. William Banbury, of Prospect Hill, Esq.
Bucks,	Philips Cosby Lovett, of Liscombe House, Esq. The Honourable Percy Barrington of Westbury Manor. Nathaniel Grace Lambert of Denham Court, Esq.
Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire,	Denzil Onslow, of Great Staughton, Esq. David Veasey, of Castle Hill House, Huntingdon, Esq. The Honourable Octavius Duncombe, of Waresley.
Cheshire,	John Ralph Shaw, of Arrow Hall, Birkenhead, Esq. Sir Charles Watkin Shakerley, of Somerford Park, Bart. Wilbraham Spencer Tollemache, of Dorfold Hall, Esq.
Cumberland,	William Nicholson Hodgson, of Newby Grange, Carlisle, Esq. Thomas Brocklebank, of Greenlands, Esq. William Postlethwaite, of the Oaks, Esq.
Derbyshire,	Sir Henry Flower Every, of Eggington, Bart. Sir Henry Des Vœux, of Drake-low, Bart. Charles Robert Colville, of Lullington, Esq.
Devonshire,	Sir George Stueley Stueley, of Hartland Abbey, Bideford, Bart. The Honourable Mark George Kerr Rolle, of Stevenstone. Baldwin John Pollexfen Bastard, of Kitley, Esq.
Dorsetshire,	Charles Wriothlesley Digby, of Studland, Esq. George Whieldon, of Wyke House, Gillingham, Esq. John Brymer, of Melcombe Regis, Esq.