

FOREIGN OFFICE, April 13, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr Julius Achenbach as Consul at Bombay for His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway.

The Queen has been also pleased to approve of Mr Edwin G. Eastman as Consul at Cork for the United States of America.

NOTICE.

COLONIAL OFFICE, DOWNING STREET,  
April 11, 1863.

An Ordinance, No. 19 of 1862, entitled "An Ordinance for raising one million pounds sterling on Debentures for the construction of a railway from Colombo to Kandy," having been enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, and Her Majesty the Queen having been pleased to confirm and allow the same, Sections 3, 5, and 7 of which Ordinance are as follows:—

"3. Each Debenture shall be for a sum not less than one hundred pounds, to be paid off at par, at the expiration of such period as the Governor shall deem expedient, and as shall be named in the said Debenture, such period in no case being less than seven years, or more than twenty-one years. And each Debenture shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six pounds per centum per annum, payable half-yearly in manner hereinafter provided; and shall be issued in the form in the Schedule to this Ordinance annexed, and shall be signed on behalf of the Government of Ceylon by the Agents-General for Crown Colonies in London for the time being, or by such public officer or officers as may be appointed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies for the time being for that purpose: And any public notice in the London Gazette of such appointment shall be deemed and held sufficient evidence thereof."

"5. Each Debenture, and all right to, and in respect of the principal money secured thereby, and each coupon, and all right to the interest payable in respect thereof, shall be transferable by delivery, and the principal moneys secured by such Debenture, and the interest payable in respect of such coupon shall be payable in London at the office of the agent to be appointed for that purpose by the said Secretary of State."

"7. It shall be lawful for the said Secretary of State for the Colonies, for and on behalf of the Government of Ceylon, to appoint any Agent to sell the Debentures, or any number thereof, or to contract with any person, or any body politic or corporate, (for a commission or a reward, but free of all other costs and charges to the colony,) for the issue of the Debentures, or any number thereof, or if to the said Secretary of State it shall appear expedient to sell the whole or any number of such Debentures to any person, or any body politic or corporate, for a price not below par."

Public Notice is hereby given, that His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Department of the Colonies, has appointed the Agents-General for Crown Colonies in London, Penrose Goodchild Jdlyan, Esq., and William Charles Sargeaunt, Esq., in pursuance of section 3 of the said Ordinance, jointly to sign the Debentures to be issued under the said Ordinance on behalf of the Government of Ceylon; and, in pursuance of section 5 of the said Ordinance, to pay, at their office, the principal

of the said Debentures, and the interest of the same as it shall become due; and, in pursuance of the 7th section of the said Ordinance, to sell the said Debentures.

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Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
April 13, 1863.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Helsingfors, reporting that the import-duty on arrack and brandy imported in casks, and under 11 degrees of strength, has been fixed at 3 roubles per hispund, (20 lbs.) gross weight. The same spirits, exceeding the above strength, are to pay 25 copecks per hispund for each degree of excess, and if imported in bottles, will be charged 60 copecks per bottle irrespective of strength.

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Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
April 13, 1863.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid, enclosing the following translation of a recent Spanish Decree which fixes, as follows, the duties upon the under-mentioned woollen manufactures:—

	Under Spanish Flag		Under Foreign Flag or Overland.	
	Per kilo.	Per kilo.	Per kilo.	Per kilo.
	rls.	c.	rls.	c.
Cloths, all Wool or mixed with Cotton, up to 60 reals inclusive in value, per kilogramme, .....	21	0	25	20
Cloths, all Wool, from 61 to 80 reals inclusive in value, per kilogramme, }	28	0	33	60

Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
April 14, 1863.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, enclosing copies of two Customs Acts of the United States Congress, entitled respectively, (1.) "An Act to prevent and punish frauds upon the Revenue, and to provide for the more certain and speedy collection of claims in favour of the United States, and for other purposes;" and (2.) "An Act to modify existing Laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes;" of which Acts the following are the most important provisions:—

I.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of July eighteen hundred and sixty-three, all invoices of goods, wares, and merchandise imported from any foreign country into the United States shall be made in triplicate, and signed by the person or persons owning or shipping said goods, wares, or merchandise, if the