

there is reason to look forward to an increased supply of cotton from various countries which have hitherto but scantily furnished our manufacturers with this material for their industry.

Her Majesty has directed that a Commission shall be issued for the purpose of revising the various forms of subscription and declaration required to be made by the clergy of the Established Church. A copy of that Commission will be laid before you.

Various measures of public usefulness will be submitted for your consideration.

Her Majesty commits with confidence the great interests of the country to your wisdom and care, and she fervently prays that the blessing of Almighty God may attend your deliberations, and prosper your counsels for the advancement of the welfare and happiness of her loyal and faithful people.

WHITEHALL, February 3, 1864.

The Queen has been pleased, by letters-patent under the Great Seal, to declare Her Royal will and pleasure that besides the children of the Sovereigns of these Realms, the children of the Sons of any Sovereign of Great Britain and Ireland, shall have, and at all times hold and enjoy, the style, title, or attribute of "Royal Highness," with their titular dignity of Prince or Princess prefixed, to their respective christian names, or with their other titles of honour; and further to declare Her will and pleasure that the Earl Marshal of England, or his Deputy for the time being, do cause the said letters-patent to be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms, to the end that the Officers of Arms and all others may take due notice thereof.

WHITEHALL, February 4, 1864.

The Queen has been pleased to order a congé d'elire to pass the Great Seal, empowering the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Ely to elect a Bishop of that See, the same being void by the death of Doctor Thomas Turton, late Bishop thereof; and Her Majesty has also been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter the Reverend Edward Harold Browne, B.D., to be by them elected Bishop of the said See.

WHITEHALL, February 4, 1864.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint James Hay Erskine Wemyss, Esq., to be Lieutenant and Sheriff-Principal of the shire of Fife, in the room of the Earl of Elgin, deceased.

DUCHY OF LANCASTER, February 3, 1864.

The Queen has been this day pleased to appoint Sir James Phillips Kay-Shuttleworth, of Gawthorpe Hall, Bart., to be Sheriff of the County Palatine of Lancaster for the year ensuing.

DUBLIN CASTLE, February 2, 1864.

The Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Sir Victor Alexander Brooke, Bart., to be a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Fermanagh, in the room of Alexander Crawford, Esq., deceased.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight,
the 3d day of February 1864.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the rules and practice observed for the purpose of preventing collisions at sea, which were formerly adopted by Maritime Nations, have proved insufficient to satisfy the requirements of modern navigation; And whereas various alterations in such rules and practice have from time to time been made by different Nations, but the rules so altered have been found to be in some cases inconsistent with each other, and in other cases to have the force of municipal law only; And whereas, certain regulations for the purpose foresaid have been sanctioned by "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," and are contained in the Table C, in the schedule to that Act; And whereas, for the purpose of correcting certain clerical errors, the said regulations have, in pursuance of the provisions in the said Act contained, been modified by an Order in Council bearing date the 9th day of January 1863, and the said regulations, so modified, are appended to the said Order, and to this Order; And whereas, by virtue of the said Act and of the said Order, the said regulations so appended as aforesaid, so far as relates to British and French ships, and also so far as relates to certain other foreign ships when within British jurisdiction, came into operation on the first day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three; And whereas it is provided by the same Act that whenever it is made to appear to Her Majesty that the Government of any Foreign Country is willing that the regulations for preventing collisions, contained in Table C in the schedule to the said Act, or such other regulations for the preventing collisions as are for the time being in force under the said Act, should apply to the ships of such country when beyond the limits of British jurisdiction, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, direct that such regulations shall apply to the ships of the said Foreign Country, whether within British jurisdiction or not. And it is further provided by the said Act, that whenever an Order in Council has been issued applying any regulation made by or in pursuance of the said Act, to the ships of any Foreign Country, such ships shall, in all cases arising in any British Court, be deemed to be subject to such regulation, and shall, for the purpose of such regulation, be treated as if they were British ships: And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that

The Government of His Majesty the King of Denmark

is willing that the said regulations appended to the said Order, and to this Order, should apply to ships belonging to Denmark Proper, and to ships belonging to the Duchy of Schleswig, when beyond the limits of British jurisdiction:

Now therefore Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the said recited Act, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to direct

That the said regulations appended to the said Order in Council bearing date the ninth day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and to this Order, shall, from the date of this Order, apply to ships belonging to

Denmark Proper, and the
Duchy of Schleswig,

whether within British jurisdiction or not.

EDMUND HARRISON.