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FOREIGN OFFICE, January 1, 1868.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Francis Gerhard Myburgh, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Kanagawa, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Hiogo and Osaka.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Lachland Fletcher, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Yedo and at Kanagawa.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint William Willis, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Yedo and at Kanagawa.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint John Frederic Lowder, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Hiogo and at Osaka.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 6, 1868.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Sidney Locock, Esq., now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation in Japan, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at The Hague.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Francis Ottiwell Adams, Esq., now a Second Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation in Japan.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 8, 1868.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr Rodolphe Kummerer as Consul at Sydney for His Majesty the King of Bavaria.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Don Guillermo Jorje Anderson as Consul at Cape Town for the Republic of Chile.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr Henrique Meyerhein as Vice-Consul at Manchester for His Majesty the King of Portugal and the Algarves.

CROWN OFFICE, January 9, 1868. MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Westmorland.
William Lowther, of Lowther Castle, in the county of Westmorland, Esq., in the room of the Honourable Henry Cecil Lowther, deceased. (C. 4.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall, January 9, 1868.

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 Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas, enclosing translation of a Decree issued by General Falcon, imposing an additional duty of 20 per cent. on goods imported into the Venezuelan Ports, of which the following are the articles:-

ART. 1. An extraordinary contribution of a 20 per cent. additional on the sum total of the import duties accruing in the Custom-houses of the Republic, will be collected for the space of one year.

ART 2. This contribution will commence to be collected at La Guaira and Puerto Cabello on the 15th of December next with respect to vessels from the West India Islands, the United States, and other countries of North America; and on the 15th January 1868 with respect to vessels despatched from Europe and other places; at the other Custom-houses on the 31st of December of this year, and the 31st of January of 1868, according to the places the vessels cleared from, in the order established for La Guaira and Puerto Cabello.

Sole §. Excepting:—

1. Flour, which will continue to be subject to the same duty now paid.

2. Articles which the Tariff declares free.

ART. 3. The additional 20 per cent. is to be paid in cash if not exceeding \$300, and at two months credit if exceeding that amount.

ART. 4. The proceeds of this contribution are to be wholly applied to the requirements of the budget, to the expenses of next Congress, and to the arrangement of the internal debt, and will be exclusively at the disposal of the Minister of Finance, who, by means of agents, will collect the said contribution, applying it expressly to the objects stated in this Article.

ART. 5. The said 20 per cent. now establish will be deducted from the import duties in the course of the two following years to that in which this contribution is to be in force, at the rate

