

WHITEHALL, December 21, 1868.

The Queen has been pleased, by letters-patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Hugh Culling Eardley Childers; Vice-Admiral Sir Sydney Colpoys Dacres, K.C.B.; Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Spencer Robinson, K.C.B. (being the Comptroller of Her Majesty's Navy); Captain John Hay (commonly called Lord John Hay), C.B.; and George Otto Trevelyan, Esq.; to be Her Majesty's Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions, Islands, and Territories thereunto belonging.

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The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Edward Penwarne Wellings, B.A., to the Vicarage of Stanford-in-the-Vale, in the county of Berks, and diocese of Oxford.

The Queen has also been pleased to present the Reverend Joseph Akroyd Armitage, M.A., to the Rectory of St Philip, Whitwood, in the county and diocese of York.

DUBLIN CASTLE, December 21, 1868.

Her Majesty's letters-patent have passed the Great Seal of Ireland appointing the Right Honourable James A. Lawson to be one of the Justices of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas in Ireland.

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Her Majesty's letters-patent have passed the Great Seal of Ireland appointing Edward Sullivan, Esquire, Q.C., M.P., to be Her Majesty's Attorney-General in Ireland.

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Her Majesty's letters-patent have passed the Great Seal of Ireland appointing Charles Robert Barry, Esquire, Q.C., to be Her Majesty's Solicitor-General in Ireland.

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Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to appoint Viscount De Vesci to be an Ecclesiastical Commissioner for Ireland, in the room of Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness, Bart., deceased.

CROWN OFFICE, December 22, 1868.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Plymouth.

Sir Robert Porrett Collier, Knt., Her Majesty's Attorney-General.

Borough of Halifax.

James Stansfeld the younger, one of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Borough of Birmingham.

The Right Honourable John Bright, President of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations.

Borough of Pontefract.

The Right Honourable Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, First Commissioner for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom.

University of London.

The Right Honourable Robert Lowe, Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of the Exchequer.

Borough of Truro.

The Honourable John Cranch Walker Vivian, one of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Borough of Bradford.

The Right Honourable William Edward Forster, Vice-President of the Committee of Privy Council on Education.

Borough of Greenwich.

The Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone, First Commissioner for executing the Office of Treasurer of the Exchequer of Great Britain, and Lord High Treasurer of Ireland.

City of Exeter.

Sir John Duke Coleridge, Knt., Her Majesty's Solicitor-General.

City of Ripon.

John Hay (commonly called Lord John Hay), one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland.

(C. 1695.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
December 21, 1868.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Brussels, inclosing a Decree dated 8th December 1868, relative to the transport of petroleum, naphtha, &c., on rivers and canals in Belgium.

The following are the Articles of this Decree:—

The transport of petroleum, naphtha, and other hydro-carbons, on the rivers and canals under Government management, shall be subject to the following precautionary measures:—

ART. 1. Boats laden with materials of the above-named descriptions can only be stationed at places pointed out either by the local authorities or by the agents entrusted with the water police. Any stoppage without good reason in the boats' course is forbidden.

ART. 2. These boats must discharge their cargo immediately on arrival at their destination.

ART. 3. When "en route" these vessels must, as far as possible, keep out of the way of any vessels they may meet, as well as of banks upon which there are any buildings.

ART. 4. They must not have on board either fires or matches, and they must be as open as possible, without cabins, or any part covered in which explosive gases could accumulate.

ART. 5. They shall take precedence of other boats in passing through locks, with the exception of boats laden with gunpowder, gun-cotton, and explosive materials, to which the Royal Decree of the 15th July 1859 is applicable.