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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1840.

Downing-Street, December 4, 1840.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Commodore Charles Napier, Companion of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, to be a Knight Commander of the said Order.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Inverness.

The Right Honourable John Charles Viscount Redhaven to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 12th November 1840.

Norman M'Leod, of M'Leod, Esq. to be ditto. Dated 12th November 1840.

Hugh Fraen, of Newton, Esq. to be ditto. Dated 12th November 1840.

Evan MacPherson, of Glentruim, Esq. to be ditto. Dated 12th November 1840.

Inverness-shire Militia.

Francis Allardyce, Gent. to be Ensign, vice William Walker, resigned. Dated 20th November 1840.

Whitehall, November 27, 1840.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed William Lumby the younger, of Whitehaven, in the county of Cumberland, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Whitehall, November 28, 1840.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Arthur Tucker, of Chard, in the county of Somerset, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

WHEREAS the Select Committee appointed to consider and report to the Honourable the House of Commons what steps it is advisable to take with respect to the present state of the Caledonian Canal, and to whom the letter from Mr. Munro respecting the Caledonian Canal, and the Treasury Minute thereon, and the correspondence on the subject of the Transfer of the Caledonian Canal to a Joint Stock Company were referred, have reported:—

1st.—That it is expedient that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be empowered to grant or lease the Caledonian Canal and its appurtenances for a period not exceeding 99 years, without any annual return or rent therefor.

2d.—That before the execution of such lease, and before application shall be made to Parliament for a Bill to incorporate any Company to whom the canal may be so leased, such company shall pay to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury (in lieu of making the deposit of ten per cent. required by the Standing Orders of the House of Commons in the case of Railways) the sum of £45,000, to be applied in discharging the several debts now owing on account of the said Canal.

3d.—That the Works specified in the Report of Mr. Walker, and any other works contingent thereupon, or which shall be requisite for the completion or repair of the Canal, according to the true intent and meaning of such such report, shall be executed at the sight and to the satisfaction of any engineer to be appointed by the said Lords Commissioners of the Treasury; and such engineer shall report to the Treasury from time to time on the progress and completion and sufficiency of the whole works; and thereafter and during the currency of the lease such engineer shall also report whether the canal and works are maintained in a good and sufficient state of repair; and the Company shall be bound to main-