

Foreign-Office, January 12, 1852.

It is hereby notified that Earl Granville, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty a copy of a despatch, dated the 6th ultimo, from Henry William Bruce, Esq. Commodore and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Naval Forces on the west coast of Africa, informing their Lordships that he had issued the following notification of a blockade of ports and places in the Bight of Benin:

Her Britannic Majesty's Steam Ship Penelope, Sierra Leone, December 6, 1851.

In compliance with instructions from Her Majesty's Government, it is hereby notified that a blockade of all ports and places (except Badagry), situated in the Bight of Benin, from longitude 1° to 4° 30' East of Greenwich, will forthwith be established by me, with an efficient force; and no merchant vessel will be permitted to hold any communication whatever with the ports and places interdicted from and after the 1st day of January next.

(Signed) H. W. BRUCE, Commodore and Commander-in-Chief of Her Britannic Majesty's Naval Forces on the west coast of Africa.

Foreign-Office, January 10, 1852.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Richard Bingham, now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Turin, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Lisbon.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Edward Morris Erskine, now Paid Attaché to Her Majesty's Legation at Brussels, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Turin.

Crown-Office, January 10, 1852.

MEMBER returned to serve in this present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Lisburn.

Sir James Emerson Tennent, Knt. in the room of Sir Horace Beauchamp Seymour, K.C.H. deceased.

War-Office, 13th January 1852.

24th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Samuel Head, from the 80th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Montgomerie, who exchanges. Dated 13th January 1852.

80th Foot, Lieutenant Robert Hamilton Montgomerie, from 24th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Head, who exchanges. Dated 13th January 1852.

Rifle Brigade, Assistant-Surgeon Henry Shearly Sanders, from the Staff, to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 13th January 1852.

HOSPITAL STAFF.

Acting Assistant-Surgeon John Henry Wilkin to be Assistant-Surgeon to the Forces, vice Sanders, appointed to the Rifle Brigade. Dated 13th January 1852.

BREVET.

Major Henry Brown, of the East India Company's Service, and employed upon the Recruiting Service of that Company in London, and on other Military duties, to have the local and temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while so employed. Dated 13th January 1852.

The under-mentioned Cadets of the East India Company's Service to have the local and temporary rank of Ensign, during the period of their being placed under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Harry D. Jones, of the Royal Engineers, at Chatham, for Field Instruction in the art of Sapping and Mining:

James Paladio Basevi, Gent. Dated 13th January 1852.

Ceneas Perkins, Gent. Dated 13th January 1852.

Elliot Pakenham Brownlow, Gent. Dated 13th January 1852.

William Henry Edgcome, Gent. Dated 13th January 1852.

David Thomson, Gent. Dated 13th January 1852.

William West Goodfellow, Gent. Dated 13th January 1852.

MEMORANDUM.

The promotion of Ensign John Richard Blake to a Lieutenantcy, without purchase, in the 6th Foot, vice Lieutenant Norris, who died of his wounds, on 15th October 1851, has been dated 16th October 1851, instead of 26th December 1851.

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

Sir William Cunynghame Cavendish Dalryell, Bart. to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 8th January 1852.

Robert Alexander Osborne Dalryell, Esq. to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 8th January 1852.

Whitehall, January 8, 1852.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Thomas Martineau, of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

ACCOUNT of the ASSETS and LIABILITIES of the PRESTON BANKING COMPANY, at Preston, on Wednesday the 31st day of December 1851.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

<i>Assets.</i>	£.	s.	d.	<i>Liabilities.</i>	£.	s.	d.
Bills of Exchange, Bank Premises, Preliminary Expenses, Loans, &c. Cash in Bank, and Deposits in other Banking Establishments	455,397	12	2	Capital Stock... ..	100,000	0	0
	455,397	12	2	Deposits and other Liabilities	340,804	17	4
	455,397	12	2	Undivided Profits	14,592	14	10
	455,397	12	2		455,397	12	2

Henry Graves, Manager.