

the holders, from day to day, on the day but one following such delivery for stamping; the current rates of interest on such bills up to the 8th day of June next inclusive, will be paid on and after the 10th day of June; and such bills, so stamped, will, from and after the 8th day of June, bear interest at the rates fixed for the Exchequer Bonds, and will be exchanged for such bonds, with the coupons attached, as soon as such bonds and coupons can be prepared; but not later than the 1st day of September next.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, this 13th day of May, 1853.

W. E. Gladstone.
Alfred Hervey.

IT is hereby notified, that the Right Honourable the Earl of Clarendon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, Her Majesty's Ambassador at the Sublime Porte, a despatch, dated Constantinople, April the 12th, 1853, inclosing the translation of a circular memorandum, addressed by the Porte to the Foreign Missions, announcing the raising of the blockade of the coasts of Antivari, in consequence of the cessation of hostilities against Montenegro. The tenor of the circular memorandum, addressed by the Porte to the Foreign Missions, is as follows:

(Traduction du Turc.)

Memorandum remis par Rifaat Pacha à Son Excellence le Vicomte Stratford de Redcliffe, le 10 Avril, 1853.

VOTRE Excellence sait que pour réprimer la révolte des habitans de Montenegro, qui fait partie de l'Empire Ottoman, révolte qui a éclaté dernièrement, le blocus avait été établi sur les côtes d'Antivari. Comme, sous les auspices de Sa Majesté le Sultan, la tranquillité a été rétablie à Montenegro, Sa Hautesse a ordonné la levée du blocus, ce qui a été porté à la connaissance des autorités de la Sublime Porte là-bas.

Je m'empresse d'informer Votre Excellence aussi de la levée du blocus, pour la connaissance de ceux qu'il faut.

1er. Rejeb, 1269.

(Translation of the above).

Memorandum transmitted by Rifaat Pasha to His Excellency Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, on the 10th of April, 1853.

YOUR Excellency knows that, with a view to repress the revolt of the inhabitants of Montenegro, which forms a portion of the Ottoman Empire, a revolt which lately broke out, a blockade was established on the coasts of Antivari. Inasmuch as, under the auspices of His Majesty The Sultan, tranquillity has been re-established in Montenegro, His Highness has ordered the raising of the blockade, which fact has been made known to the authorities of the Sublime Porte in that quarter.

I hasten to inform Your Excellency also, of the raising of the blockade, for the information of those whom it concerns.

1 Rejeb, 1269.

Downing-Street, May 11, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Sholto James Douglas Esq., to be Substitute-Procureur and Advocate-General for the Island of Mauritius.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Charles Pasley, Esq., Lieutenant in the Corps of Royal Engineers, to be Colonial Engineer for the Colony of Victoria.

Whitehall, May 12, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Robert Montgomery, Lord Belhaven, to be Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Whitehall, May 12, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Frederick William Slade, Esq., Thomas Chisholm Anstey, Esq., and Thomas Borrow Burcham, Esq., to be Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices at the last election, and at previous elections for the city of Canterbury.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Frederic Solly Flood, Esq., John Deedes, Esq., and William Baliol Brett, Esq., to be Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices at the last election and at former elections for the borough of Kingston-upon-Hull.

Whitehall, May 12, 1853.

The Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, G.C.B., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has appointed Robert Williams, Esq., to be an Inspector of Coal Mines, in the room of William Lancaster, Esq., resigned.

Westminster, May 9, 1853.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for redeeming or commuting the annuity payable to the South Sea Company, and certain annuities of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, and for creating new annuities of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, and Two Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, and issuing Exchequer Bonds.

An Act for carrying into effect the engagement between Her Majesty and Syed Syf bin Hamood, the Chief of Sohar, in Arabia, for the more effectual suppression of the slave trade.

An Act for carrying into effect the Treaty between Her Majesty and the Republic of New Granada, for the suppression of the slave trade.

An Act to authorise advances out of the Consolidated Fund to discharge monies borrowed on the security of the land revenues of the crown for the purpose of Metropolitan Improvements, and providing for the payment of such advances, and of certain monies charged on the London Bridge Approaches Fund.

An Act to alter and amend an Act of the fifteenth year of Her present Majesty for amending the law of evidence in Scotland.

An Act for making further provision for the execution of the office of examiner of the High Court of Chancery.