1940. To Frederick William Alexander de Fabeck, of No. 6, Portland-road, in the county of Middlesex, for an invention for "the construction of viaduets, bridges, lintels, beams, girders, and other horizontal structures and supports."

1941. To Alfred Lutwyche, of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, for the invention of "an improved mode of manufacturing steel or

other metallic pens."

1942. To Charles Watt, of 15, Selwood-place, Old Brompton, and Hugh Burgess, of 7, Percystreet, Bedford-square, both in the county of Middlesex, for the invention of "improvements in disintegrating and pulping vegetable substances."

1943. And to George Heyes, of Bolton, in the county of Lancaster, Manufacturer, for the invention of "improvements in looms.

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 19th day of August,

1944. To James Kimberley, of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, Wholesale Ironmonger and Manufacturer, for the invention of "an improvement or improvements in raising and lowering various kinds of window blinds, and in opening and closing window and other curtains, applicable also to the raising and lowering, or winding and unwinding of maps and other sheets or articles, and to the closing of doors."

1946. To Jean Baptiste Polaillon, Gentleman, and François Maillard, Starch Manufacturer, both of Lyons, in the Empire of France, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture

of starch."

1947. And to Robert Moore Sievier, of Louviers, in the Empire of France, but now residing at Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Manufacturer, for the invention of "improved machinery for the manufacture of terry or cutpile fabrics, parts of which are applicable to the weaving of other fabrics."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 20th day of August,

1951. To Samuel Lomas, of the city of Manchester, Manager, for the invention of "an improved silk cleaner."

1953. To Auguste Edouard Loradoux Bellford, of 16, Castle-street, Holborn (City), London, Patent Agent, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of certain mineral oils and paraffine."—A communication.

1955. And to Frederick Osbourn, of Albionstreet, Ring's Cross, in the county of Middlesex, Tailor, for the invention of "improved machinery for cutting woven and other fabrics.'

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 22nd day of August,

1957. To William Brown of the city of Glasgow, Merchant, for the invention of "an improved mode of obtaining volatile products from bituminous coals, and other bituminous substances."

1959. To James Webster, of Leicester, for the invention of "improvements in pressure guages."

1961. To William Rettie, of Aberdeen, in the Kingdom of Scotland, Lamp Manufacturer, for the invention of "an improved construction of

submarine lamp."
1963. To John Whiteley, of Stapleford, in the county of Nottingham, Lace Manufacturer, one of the firm of Messieurs Whiteley, Ward, and Company, Lace Manufacturers, of Stapleford aforesaid, for the invention of "improvements" in warp machinery for the manufacture of textile fabrics."

1965. And to William McLeish, of Battersea, in the county of Surrey, for the invention of "a machine for destroying weeds."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 23rd day of August, 1853.

Office of Ordnance, August 17, 1853. THE Principal Officers of Her Majesty's 1 Ordnance do hereby give notice, that they are ready to dispose of, to such persons as are willing to tender for the same,

A quantity of Rough Gun Stocks, Rough Pistol Stocks, and Unserviceable Musket Stocks, for Firewood,

in Store, at the Tower of London, where the articles may be viewed between the hours of eight and six o'clock, until Tuesday the 6th September.

A catalogue of the several lots may be obtained by persons willing to become purchasers, at the Principal Storekeeper's office at the Tower, and at the Secretary's office in Pall Mall.

Tenders for the whole, or any number of the said lots, addressed to the "Ordnance Storekeeper, Tower, are to be delivered on or before Wednesday the 7th September next, at that place.

By order of the Board, G. Butler, Secretary.

CONTRACTS FOR SALT BEEF AND SALT PORK.

Department of the Comptroller for Victualling and Transport Services, Somerset-Place, July 21, 1853.

THE Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland do hereby give notice, that, on Thursday the 15th September next, at one o'clock, they will be ready to treat with such persons as may be willing to contract for supplying and delivering into Her Majesty's Victualling Stores at the undermentioned Ports, the following quantities of

SALT MEAT,

of the cure of any country, and all of the cure of the ensuing season, viz. :-

NAVY BEEF. NAVY PORK. Tierces. Barrels. Tierces. Barrels. 550 ... 200 ... 2,250 ... 1,300 Deptford Gosport 550 ... 200 ... 2,250 ... 1,300 Plymouth ... 550 ... 200 ... 2,250 ... 1,300 Haulbowline 1,550 ... 500 ... 2,600 ... 1,000

Their Lordships reserving to themselves the power, when the tenders are opened, of contracting either for the whole, or for such part thereof only as they may deem fit, or for a greater quantity, or of not contracting for any; and also an unlimited power of selection, according to quality.

A separate tender must be given for beef, and a separate tender for pork, and every tender must specify where the meat is intended to be cured.

Persons tendering for more than one Port, must give a separate tender for each Port, and every tender must contain a separate price for tierces, and a separate price for barrels.

The beef and pork to be delivered into the respective Stores as follows, viz.:—One-third of each by the 31st day of January, another third by the 15th day of March, and the remainder by the 30th day of April 1854, or any greater portion, or the whole, at any earlier period if preferred by the