

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Somerset.*

*West Somerset Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry.*

Francis Meade Eastment, Gent., to be Cornet, vice Reynolds, resigned. Dated 8th October, 1853.

*Whitehall, October 10, 1853.*

The Queen, taking into Her royal consideration that upon the decease of Edward, Baron Skelmersdale, in the month of April last, the title and dignity of Baron Skelmersdale devolved upon Edward now Baron Skelmersdale, a minor, as only son and heir of Richard Bootle-Wilbraham, Esquire, who died in the year 1844, and who was whilst living the eldest son and heir apparent of the said Edward, Baron Skelmersdale, and that according to the ordinary rules of honour the sisters of the said Edward, Baron Skelmersdale, cannot enjoy that place and precedence which would have been due to them in case their late father, the said Richard Bootle-Wilbraham, had survived his said father, Edward, Baron Skelmersdale, and had thereby succeeded to the title and dignity of Baron Skelmersdale, Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to ordain and declare that Adela Mary Bootle-Wilbraham, Jessie Caroline Bootle-Wilbraham, Edith Bootle-Wilbraham, and Rose Bootle-Wilbraham, sisters of the said Edward now Baron Skelmersdale, shall henceforth have, hold, and enjoy the same title, place, pre-eminence, and precedence, as if their late father, the said Richard Bootle-Wilbraham, had survived his said father, Edward, Baron Skelmersdale, and had thereby succeeded to the title and dignity of Baron Skelmersdale :

And Her Majesty has been further pleased to command that the said royal order and declaration be registered in Her College of Arms.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having certified to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in pursuance of the Act, 10 Geo. 4, c. 27, sec. 1, that the actual surplus revenue of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, beyond the actual expenditure thereof for the year ended the 5th day of July, 1853, amounted to the sum of three million five hundred and sixty-eight thousand six hundred and twenty-four pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence :

The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt hereby give notice, that the sum of eight hundred and ninety-two thousand one hundred and fifty-six pounds four shillings and two pence, being one-fourth part of the said surplus of three million five hundred and sixty-eight thousand six hundred and twenty-four pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence, will be applied under the provisions of the said Act, between the 11th day of October, 1853, and the 5th day of January, 1854, to the following purposes; viz.:

To be applied towards the reduction of the National Debt	892,156	4	2
Add Interest receivable on account of Donations and Bequests, to be applied to the purchase of Stock .....	2,512	3	1
	£894,668	7	3

National Debt Office, October 8, 1853.

A. Y. Spearman, Comptroller-General.

Interest on Exchequer Bills.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having determined that the Exchequer Bills, issued under the authority of the following Acts of Parliament; viz. :—

15 Vict., cap 10, and 16 Vict., cap. 25 ;

and which are now outstanding (except those on which the interest has ceased) shall on and after this day (11th October, 1853,) bear an interest of two pence per diem : the holders of all such Exchequer Bills are to take notice, that whenever the same shall be paid off, or shall, according to the conditions of the said bills respectively, be received on account of any of the public revenues, aids, taxes, on supplies, the aforesaid rate of interest of two pence per centum per diem, will be allowed thereon, from and including the said 11th day of October, 1853.

Paymaster-General's Office,  
11th of October, 1853.

Bristol and South Wales Junction Railway.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, by a warrant, bearing date the sixth day of October, 1853, and made in pursuance of the Abandonment of Railways Act, 1850, have ordered and declared that the railways and branch railways by the Bristol and South Wales Junction Railway Act, 1846, authorised to be made, and in the said warrant, and hereinafter mentioned (that is to say) : A railway to commence by a junction with the Great Western Railway, in the parish of Saint Philip and Jacob, in the city and county of the city of Bristol, and to terminate in the parish of Henbury, in the county of Gloucester ; and also a railway to be wholly situate in the parish of Portskewet, in the county of Monmouth, and to terminate by a junction with the South Wales Railway ; and also a branch railway to commence by a junction with the said first-mentioned railway, in the parish of Almondsbury, in the said county of Gloucester, and to terminate at or near the Aust or Old Passage Ferry, in the said parish of Henbury ; and all works, buildings, and undertakings, by the same Act, and by the Bristol and South Wales Junction Railway and Aust Ferry Act, 1847, authorized to be constructed or carried on in connection with such railways and branch railway, or belonging thereto (being the whole railway and undertaking of the Bristol and South Wales Junction Railway Company), shall from and after the day of the date of the said Warrant be abandoned by the said Bristol and South Wales Junction Railway Company, subject to the provisions in the Abandonment of Railways Act, 1850, contained, so far as the same are applicable, or in anywise relate to the premises.

And notice is hereby further given, that all persons having any claims or demands upon the said Bristol and South Wales Junction Railway Company for compensation or otherwise, by reason of the abandonment of the hereinbefore-mentioned railways, branch railway, works, and undertakings, are hereby required to transmit the statement of such claims and demands to the Secretary of the Bristol and South Wales Junction Railway Company, at the office of the said Company, at No. 12, Corn-street, Bristol, within four calendar months from the date of the said warrant.

Dated the seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

George Shapland, Secretary to the Bristol and South Wales Junction Railway Company.