rent-charges, tenements, or other hereditaments vested in us under certain Acts therein mentioned (being the Acts under which the property hereinafter described is vested in us), and may, subject to the provisions of the same Acts, and of the now reciting Act, be exercised by us, by proper instruments in writing duly executed according to law, with a certain proviso respecting the application of every sum of money received as the consideration or purchase-money for the sale, transfer, or conveyance by us of any of such lands, tithes, tenements, or other hereditaments, or of any estate or interest therein, and with a further proviso that none of such lands, tithes, tenements, or other hereditaments be sold, transferred, or conveyed, except by the authority of a scheme, and an Order issued by your Majesty in Council ratifying the same:

"And whereas all the lands, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments formerly belonging to the said Precentorship, and to the said Prebend of Driffield thereunto annexed (except any right of ecclesiastical patronage), became vested in us, by virtue of an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the thirtcenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, duly published in the London Gazette, on the fourteenth day of the same month, subject to any legally subsisting lease or leases thereof:

"And whereas application has been made to us for the purchase of all our estate and interest in certain portions of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments; and after due consideration, it appears to us to be expedient that we should be empowered to dispose of our interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, in such manner as shall appear to us to be advisable:

"We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that we may be authorized and empowered, by instrument or instruments in writing, duly executed according to law, from time to time to sell, and duly to convey, according to the provisions of the said Act, all or any of the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, or endowments heretofore belonging to the said Precentorship of York, and to the said Prebend of Driffield, and so vested in us as aforesaid, with their appurtenances, and all our estate, right, title, and interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, unto and to the use of any person or persons desirous or willing to purchase the same, and his or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, or otherwise as he or they shall direct or appoint, and for such consideration as shall, upon due calculation and inquiry, appear to us to

be just and reasonable : "And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Act; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the diocese of York.

C. C. Greville.

Windsor Castle, November 25, 1853.

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Captain Stephen Bartlett Lakeman, late Commander of Lakeman's Waterkloof Rangers.

Foreign-Office, November 30, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. John Pownall Dale as Consul at Port Stanley for the Free Hanseatic City of Hamburgh.

Whitehall, December 2, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Frederick Cruickshank to the church and united parishes of Lethnot and Navar, in the presbytery of Brechin, and county of Forfar, vacant by the death of the Reverend John Whyte.

Board of Trade, Whitehall, Marine Department, December 1, 1853.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a translation of a Proclamation (an extract from which is subjoined), issued by the Neapolitan Government, giving notice of a Law for facilitating the apprehension of British seamen deserting from British merchant vessels in the Neapolitan dominions, which has been signed by His Sicilian Majesty, as a measure of reciprocity for the Order in Council of the 19th August last, extending to Neapolitan merchant vessels the benefit of "The Foreign Deserters Act, 1852."

By order, James Booth.

"Art. 1. Seamen, not being slaves, belonging "to the Mercantile Navy of Her Majesty the "Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain "and Ireland, who may desert within our Royal "dominions, on either side of the Faro, shall, "upon application to the authorities of the King-"dom from the Consuls or the Vice-Consuls of Her "Britannic Majesty, or from persons appointed "by them, be apprehended and carried on board "their respective ships."

Naples, September 13, 1853.

Board of Trade, Whitehall, December 1, 1853.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Madeira, reporting that the Central Board of Health in Lisbon consider London and Newcastle as infected ports, and that vessels arriving at Madeira from these ports are only admitted to free pratique after the expiration of twenty days from the time of their departure therefrom, and provided that no suspicious casualties should have occurred on the voyage.

voyage. The Lords of the Committee have also received information, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that vessels arriving at Gibraltar from England have been exempted from quarantine.

By order, James Booth.