Admiralty, 12th January, 1854.

The following promotions have this day taken place consequent on the decease, on the 11th instant, of Rear-Admiral of the Red Thomas Gordon Falcon:

Rear-Admiral of the White William Bowen Mends to be Rear-Admiral of the Red.

Rear-Admiral of the Blue William Walpole to be Rear-Admiral of the White.

Captain Right Honourable Charles Philip, Earl of Hardwicke, to be Rear-Admiral on the Reserved Half-pay List.

Captain Henry Ducie Chads, C.B., to be Rear-Admiral of the Blue.

The following Captains, on the Retired List, have also been promoted to be Retired Rear-Admirals, on the terms proposed in the London Gazette of 1st September, 1846, without increase of pay:

Captain John Skekel. Captain George Ourry Lempriere.

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

Light Infantry Battalicn of the Royal Sussex Militia.

George Freeman Thomas, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 31st December, 1853.

Artillery Battalion of the Royal Sussex Militia.

James Hayes Sadler, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 5th January, 1854.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

4th Regiment of Royal Lancashire (Light Infantry) Militia.

To be Ensigns.

Thomas Frederick Yeo, Gent. Dated 9th January, 1854.

Hugh Auchinleek, Gent. Dated 10th January, 1854.

Acquilla Kent, Gent. Dated 11th January, 1854. Thomas Boyce, Gent. Dated 12th January, 1854.

Whitehall, December 16, 1853.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed George Mounsey Gray, of No. 9, Staple-inn, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

Whitehall, December 21, 1853.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed William Lewis, of No. 6, Raymond-buildings, Gray's-inn, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

· Whitehall, January 11, 1854.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Joseph Noakes Mourilyan, of Sandwich, in the county of Kent, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

Whitehall, January 13, 1854.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Edward Chester, of No. 11, Staple-inn, Gentleman, to be

a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

The Lord Chancellor has also appointed William Weld Wren, of No. 32, Fenchurch-street, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer onths in the High Court of Chancery.

The Lord Chancellor has also appointed Robert Wren, of No. 32, Fenchurch street, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

Whitehall, January 14, 1854.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Edward Dyne, of No. 61, Lincoln's-inn-fields, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

The Lord Chancellor has also appointed Thomas Dodd Keighley, of No. 73, Basinghall-street, City, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

The Lord Chancellor has also appointed Charles James Brown, of No. 10, New-inn, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

OTICE is hereby given that a petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council praying for the grant of a Royal Charter of Incorporation to the petitioners and others to be associated together into a Company under the name of the "Patent Solid Sewage Manure Corporation," for the purpose of working certain English and Colonial, Scotch and Irish Letters Patent, granted to Thomas Wicksteed for inventions relating to the manufacture of manure, and machinery to be used therein, and of thereby and otherwise undertaking the deodorization of sewage, and the manufacture of manure, and if requisite, the construction and maintenance of sewers, and of transacting all business incidental to the matters aforesaid or expedient for the effectual and advantageous prosecution thereof; and that such application has been referred by Her Majesty in Council to the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations .- Dated this thirty-first day of December, 1853.

Wilson and Bristow, No. 1, Copthall-baillings, London, Solicitors for the Petitioners.

The Melbourne Dock and Railway Company. N pursuance of the provisions of the Act of 7th William 4th, and 1st Victoria, cap. 73, sec. 32, Notice is hereby given, that application has been made to Her Majesty in Council to grant a Charter of Incorporation for incorporating the above provisionally registered Company, under the name of "The Melbourne Dock and Railway Company," for the purpose of constructing docks of sufficient extent to afford ample accommodation for the trade of the port of Melbourne, graving docks for the repair of vessels of large size, warehouses for the storing of goods, and a railway from the town of Melbourne to such point of Hobson's Bay as may be determined on by the directors of the said Company, for the conveyance of passengers and goods to and from the docks and shipping, and that such application has been referred by Her Majesty to the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations.

Wright and Bonner, 15, London-street, Fenchurch-street, Solicitors for the Com-

pany.