

*Foreign-Office, May 15, 1854.*

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Augustus W. Scharit as Consul at Falmouth for the United States of America.

*Downing-Street, May 13, 1854.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Captain Thomas Vernon Watkins, R.N., to be Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate for the Colony of Hong Kong.

*Westminster, May 12, 1854.*

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 granting to Her Majesty additional duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices.

An Act for raising the sum of sixteen millions twenty-four thousand one hundred pounds by Exchequer Bills for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

An Act for extending the time limited for putting into execution the Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her present Majesty for the better management and control of highways in South Wales.

An Act further to amend an Act relating to the valuation of rateable property in Ireland.

An Act to authorize the inclosure of certain lands in pursuance of a report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales.

An Act to amend the laws relating to ministers' money and the church temporalities (Ireland) Act.

An Act to continue Her Majesty's Commission for building new churches.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Militia of the United Kingdom.

An Act to enable the London Life Association to increase the amount authorized by their deed of settlement to be assured upon a single life in the said Society.

An Act for granting further powers to the Radcliffe and Pilkington Gas Company.

An Act for better supplying with gas the town of Middleton and the neighbourhood thereof, in the county palatine of Lancaster.

An Act to enable the Leeds New Gas Company to raise a further sum of money, to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Company, and for other purposes.

An Act for incorporating and extending the powers of the Hastings and Saint Leonards Gas Company.

An Act for enabling the Brighton, Hove, and Preston Constant Service Waterworks Company to purchase the undertaking of the Brighton, Hove, and Preston Waterworks Company, and for granting to the first named Company all necessary powers for supplying with water, the parishes of Brighton, Hove, and Preston, in the county of Sussex.

An Act for the improvement of the borough of Warrington, and for enabling the council thereof to erect a covered market, and for other purposes.

An Act to warp and improve certain lands in the level of Hatfield Chase.

An Act for enabling the Norwich Equitable Fire Assurance Company to sue and be sued in that name, and for other purposes.

An Act for enabling the Nottingham Waterworks Company to raise a further sum of money, and for amending some of the provisions of the Act relating to such Company.

An Act to consolidate the stock and powers of the Corporation of "The Royal Exchange Assurance of Houses and Goods from Fire" with the stock and powers of the Corporation of "The Royal Exchange Assurance," and to confer on the last-named Corporation the powers of "The Royal Exchange Assurance Annuity Company," and "The Royal Exchange Assurance Loan Company," and to give additional powers to "The Royal Exchange Assurance."

An Act to confer additional powers upon the Corporation of The Amicable Society for a perpetual Assurance Office, for the purposes of investment.

An Act to enable the Dock Company at Kingston-upon-Hull to raise a further sum of money, and to convert the mortgage and bond debt of the Company into debenture stock and perpetual annuities and for other purposes.

An Act for establishing a police superannuation fund in the borough of Liverpool.

An Act to make further provision for the sewerage sanitary regulation and improvement of the borough of Liverpool.

An Act for repealing "The Stafford Gas Act, 1846," and for reconstituting the Stafford Gas Company with additional powers, and for other purposes.

An Act for continuing the term and amending and extending the provisions of the Act relating to the Kingswood District of Turnpike-roads in the county of Gloucester.

An Act to enable the Rossendale Waterworks Company to raise a further sum of money.

An Act for supplying with gas, Ramsbottom and other places in the parish of Bury, in the county palatine of Lancaster.

An Act for enabling the Scarborough Public Market Company to raise a further sum of money, and for amending and consolidating the provisions of the Act relating to such Company.

An Act for lighting with gas the borough of Bolton and places near thereto, and for other purposes, and of which the short title is "The Bolton Gas Company's Act, 1854."

An Act for better supplying with water the town of Southport, in the county palatine of Lancaster, and the neighbourhood thereof.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
May 13, 1854.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations have received, through the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, a Notice, issued by the American Lighthouse Board (copy of which is annexed), relative to the proposed changes in the lights at Cape Hatteras, Body's Island, and Ocracoke.

**NOTICE TO MARINERS.**

*Changes of Lights at Cape Hatteras, Body's Island, and Ocracoke (Coast of North Carolina).*

IN conformity to the Notice to Mariners, issued from the Office of the Lighthouse Board, at