

Admiralty, 28th October, 1854.

The following promotions, dated the 26th instant, have this day taken place, consequent on the decease, on the 25th instant, of Rear-Admiral of the Blue John Leith:

Captain Octavius Vernon Harcourt,
 Captain the Right Honourable Henry John
 Chetwynd, Earl Talbot, C.B.,
 Captain Sir William Symonds, Knt., C.B.,
 to be Rear-Admirals on the Reserved Half-pay
 List.

Captain James Scott, C.B., to be Rear-Admiral of
 the Blue.

Admiralty, 30th October, 1854.

The following promotions, dated the 27th instant, have this day taken place, consequent on the decease, on the 26th instant, of Vice-Admiral of the Blue Richard Arthur, C.B.:

Rear-Admiral of the Red William Fitzwilliam
 Owen to be Vice-Admiral of the Blue.
 Rear-Admiral of the White Sir Charles Sullivan,
 Bart., to be Rear-Admiral of the Red.
 Rear-Admiral of the Blue Edward Boxer, C.B.,
 to be Rear-Admiral of the White.
 Captain Williams Sandom to be Rear-Admiral of
 the Blue.
 Retired Captain John FitzGerald Studdert has
 been promoted to the rank of Retired Rear-
 Admiral, on the terms proposed in the London
 Gazette, of 1st September, 1846, but without
 increase of half-pay.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the
 County of Devon.*

Lawrence Palk, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.
 Dated 6th May, 1854.

2nd Regiment of Devon Militia.

John Machen to be Captain. Dated 10th Octo-
 ber, 1854.
 James Butler to be Ensign. Dated 10th October,
 1854.
 Henry Dimsdale Parr to be Ensign. Dated 10th
 October, 1854.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the
 County of Ross.**Ross, Caithness, Sutherland, and Cromarty
 Regiment of Militia.*

George William Holmes Ross, Esq., late Lieu-
 tenant in Her Majesty's 92nd Highlanders, to
 be Captain. Dated 26th October, 1854.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the
 County of Northampton.**Northamptonshire Regiment of Militia.*

William Evans, Gent., to be Ensign, vice May-
 cock, resigned. Dated 27th October, 1854.

*Provisional Order.**Holt Turnpike Road.*

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Holt Turn-
 pike Road, acting under the powers of the Local
 Act of the 7th of George the Fourth, cap. 18,
 have made application to Her Majesty's Principal
 Secretary of State for the Home Department,

pursuant to the Act of the session holden in the
 14th and 15th years of the reign of Her present
 Majesty, cap. 38, for a Provisional Order upon
 the terms following; viz. :—

To reduce the rate of interest on the mortgage
 debt charged or secured on the tolls or revenues
 of the said road from the sum of five pounds per
 centum, per annum, to the sum of two pounds per
 centum, per annum, and to extinguish the whole of
 the arrears of interest due upon the said debt.

And whereas the said application is dated the
 twenty-first day of October, one thousand eight
 hundred and fifty-four, and is signed by three of
 the said trustees, who therein certify that the per-
 sons entitled to two-thirds of the money charged or
 secured on the tolls of the said road, and re-
 maining unpaid, have signified their consents in
 writing under their hands to the said application.

And whereas it appears desirable to Her
 Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the
 Home Department that the aforesaid application
 should be granted upon the terms herein set
 forth.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the power and
 authority of the said Act of the 14th and 15th of
 Victoria, cap. 38, given to me as one of Her
 Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, I do by
 this Provisional Order under my hand declare,
 subject to the confirmation hereof by Parliament,
 that from the thirty-first day of December, one
 thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, the rate
 of interest shall be reduced from five pounds to
 two pounds per centum per annum, upon the
 bonded or mortgage debt of two thousand seven
 hundred and fifty-four pounds, eighteen shillings,
 charged or secured upon the tolls or revenues of
 the said road, and that the whole of the arrears of
 interest due and remaining unpaid upon the said
 debt, at that date, shall be extinguished.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

(Signed) Palmerston.

Whitehall, October 26, 1854.

Over Darwen Gas.

(Extension of Limits; Increase of Capital;
 Amendment of Act).

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is
 intended to be made to Parliament in the
 next session for an Act to alter, amend, extend,
 and enlarge some of the powers and provisions of
 an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in
 the third year of the reign of Her present Majesty,
 intituled "An Act for better lighting with gas the
 village of Over Darwen, in the county palatine of
 Lancaster," or otherwise to repeal the said Act,
 and consolidate the powers and provisions thereof,
 and of the said intended Act or some of them into
 one Act.

And it is proposed by the said intended Act to
 extend the limits of the said existing Act, for
 supplying gas to the whole of the townships of
 Over Darwen and Eccleshill, and to authorize the
 Company incorporated by the said Act to increase
 their present capital, by converting into capital
 the moneys which have been expended by them
 over and above the capital authorized to be raised
 by the said recited Act, and by the creation of
 new shares, and by mortgage, or by either of those
 means, or by such other means as shall be provided
 by the said intended Act, and to levy rents, rates, and
 charges within all or any part of the limits of the
 said intended Act, and to alter the existing rates
 rents, and charges, and to confer, vary, or ex-
 tinguish exemptions from the payment, and to