Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Essex.

The West Essex Militia.

Alexander Daniel Gilson, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 12th December, 1854.

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

Warwickshire Militia.—1st Regiment.

William George Featherstone, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 15th December, 1854.

George Young, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 15th December, 1854.

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

Aberdeenshire Regiment of Militia.

The Right Honourable Alexander Fraser, Lord Saltoun, to be Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant. Dated 4th December, 1854.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the City and County of the City of Edinburgh, and Liberties thereof.

City of Edinburgh Artillery Regiment of Militia.

George Roland, junr., Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th December, 1854.

Thomas Alexander Hill, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 22nd December, 1854.

Francis Montague Smith, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 22nd December, 1854.

- John Macdougall, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 22nd December, 1854.
- Thomas Richardson Griffiths, Adjutant to said Corps, to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 23rd December, 1854.

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

1st Regiment of King's Own Staffordshire Militia. Colour-Serjeant Thomas Oswell to be Ensign. Dated 18th December, 1854.

King's Own Rifle Regiment of Staffordshire Militia.

John Maurice Foster, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 18th December, 1854.

Assistant-Surgeon Edward Waddington, late Essex Rifles, to be Surgeon, vice Ashwell, resigned. Dated 18th December, 1854.

Queen's Own Royal Regiment of Staffordshire Yeomanry Cavalry.

Lieutenant Thomas Chawner to be Captain, vice Scott, resigned. Dated 21st December, 1854.

John Coltman Davenport, junr., Esq., to be Captain, vice Ackers, promoted. Dated 21st December, 1854.

Provisional Orders.

Adlington and West Houghton Road.

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Adlington and West Houghton Turnpike Road, acting under the powers of the Local Act of the 7th of George the Fourth, cap. 82, 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 fifth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and is signed by four of the said trustees, who therein certify that the persons entitled to two-thirds of the money charged or secured on the tolls of the said road, and remaining 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-four, the rate of interest shall be reduced from five pounds to two pounds per centum, per annum, upon the bonded or mortgage debt of four thousand nine hundred pounds, 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, December 21, 1854.

Leeds and Collingham Road.

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Leeds and Collingham Turnpike Road, acting under the powers of the Local Act of the 5th of George the Fourth, cap. 82, 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 preference mortgage debts, 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 three pounds per centum, per annum; also, to reduce the rate of interest on the remaining debt from five pounds per centum, per annum, to one penny 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 fifteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and is signed by three of the said trustees, who therein certify that the persons entitled to two-thirds of the money charged or secured on the tells of the said road, and remaining 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 Ma-