Buckingham Palace, May 1, 1855.

This day had audience of Her Majesty;

Señor Don Francisco del Rivero, Minister Resident from the Republic of Peru, to deliver his credentials:

To which he was introduced by the Earl of Clarendon, K.G., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Major-General the Honourable Sir Edward Cust, K.C.H., Her Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies.

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The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Henry Muggeridge, Esquire, Sheriff of the city of London and county of Middlesex.

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The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Charles Decimus Crosley, Esquire, Sheriff of the city of London and county of Middlesex.

War Department, May 2, 1855.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of James Hudson, Esq., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the King of Sardinia, C.B., to be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Downing-Street, May 3, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Charles Henry Darling, Esq., Administrator of the Government of Newfoundland, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over that Island and its dependencies.

Whitehall, May 4, 1855.

'The Queen has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Robert Montgomery, Lord Belhaven, to be Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

> Board of Trade, Whitehall, May 4, 1855.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of 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 Minister at Madrid, enclosing a Notice to Mariners, issued from the Hydrographical Office, Madrid, respecting a Light recently established on the Tower of the Church of Chipiona, province of Cadiz, a translation of which is subjoined.

(Translation.)

(Copy.) Hydrographical Office.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Lighthouses on the Ocean Coasts of Spain. THE Ministry of Marine has communicated to this Office, through the Department of Public

Works, the following information relative to the situation of a new Lighthouse which has been erected on the coasts of the Spanish Peninsula by the Corps of Engineers of Roads, Canals, and

Lighthouse of Chipiona, on the southern point of the mouth of the River Guadalquivir (Province of Cadiz).

This Lighthouse, having a light of natural colour, is placed on the church tower of the town, and will be lighted from the 1st of next May. 36° 44′ 15″ N. latitude, and

00° 13′ 30" W. longitude from the Naval Observatory of San Fernando.

The elevation of the luminous focus above the average level of the sea, is of 75.9 feet, Burgos measure, and its range will be of 8 miles.

This light, besides marking the position of that part of the coast, serves provisionally to mark the situation of the "Salmedina Bank," from the foremost extremity of which to the N.W., the lighthouse lies to the N. 83° E., erected at the distance of 1.8 miles.

Madrid, 24th March, 1855.

JOAQUIN GUTIERREZ DE (Signed) RUBALCAVA.

Board of Trade, Whitehall, May 4, 1855.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of 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 Chargé d'Affaires at Lima, enclosing a translation of a Decree of the Provisional Government of Peru, stating that ships coming to Pisco, for the purpose of loading guano, may be cleared for their destination by the Custom-house at that

War-Office, 4th May, 1855.

6th Regiment of Dragoons, Quartermaster James Marshall to be Paymaster, vice Steadman, who retires upon half-pay. Dated 4th May, 1855.

17th Light Dragoons, George Cleghorn, Gent., to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Lowe, promoted. Dated 4th May, 1855.

Coldstream Guards, Richard Hassell Thursley, Gent., to be Ensign and Lieutenant, without purchase. Dated 4th May, 1855.

7th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Francis Burton Cole, from the 20th Foot, to be Ensign, without purchase. Dated 4th May, 1855.

19th Foot, Walter Lacy Rogers, Gent., to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Blake, deceased. Dated 4th May, 1855.

20th Foot, Ensign George Blair Duffin, from the 2nd Somerset Militia, to be Ensign, without purchase. Dated 4th May, 1855.

24th Foot, Ensign A. W. Adcock to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Geneste, appointed Paymaster. Dated 4th May, 1855.

26th Foot, Arthur Kershaw, Gent., to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Lowndes, promoted. Dated 4th May, 1855.