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War-Department, January 8, 1856.

LORD PANMURE has this day received a Despatch, of which the following is a copy, addressed to his Lordship by General Sir William Codrington, K.C.B.

Sevastopol, December 25, 1855.

MY LORD,

NOTWITHSTANDING the recent severe weather, the thermometer a few nights ago having fallen nearly to zero, the general state of health of the Army has continued good. The roads are in fair working order; and though the efficiency of the locomotive engines was impaired by the frost, the damage has been made good.

The final operations on the Docks have been somewhat delayed on our side, by the influx of water, and by the freezing of pumps.

The fire from the forts on the northern side of the harbour continues, and it is at times heavy; but the casualties, I am happy to say, are few.

There has been no movement of importance on the part of the enemy in our neighbourhood of late. A detachment of French troops surprised a Cossack post near Teillon, a few days ago, killing several men, and taking the rest prisoners.

The general drill of the Army makes good progress.

I have, &c.,

W. J. CODRINGTON,
General Commanding.

The Lord Panmure, &c. &c. &c.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 21st day of *November*, 1855.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament, holden in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the laws relating to the Customs of the United Kingdom and of the Isle of Man, and certain laws relating to trade and navigation, and the British possessions," it is enacted that, "if the legislature or proper legislative authority, of any of the British possessions abroad, shall present an address to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to authorize or permit the conveyance

"of goods or passengers from one part of such possession to another part thereof, in other than British ships, it shall thereupon be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, so to authorize the conveyance of such goods or passengers, on such terms and under such conditions as to Her Majesty may seem good."

And whereas an address has been presented to Her Majesty, by the Legislative Council of Ceylon, praying Her Majesty to authorize and permit the conveyance of goods and passengers from one part of that island to any other part of the same in other than British ships:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and in virtue of the authority committed to Her by the said recited Act, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the day of the date of this Order, goods and passengers may be conveyed from one part of the Island of Ceylon to another part thereof, in other than British ships:

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Right Honourable Henry Labouchere, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions herein, as to them may, respectively, appertain.

Wm. L. Bathurst.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 7th day of *December*, 1855,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament, holden in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the laws relating to the Customs of the United Kingdom and of the Isle of Man, and certain laws relating to trade and navigation and the British Possessions," it is enacted that "if the Legislature or proper legislative authority of any of the British possessions abroad shall present an address to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to authorize or permit the conveyance of goods or passengers from one part of such possession to another part thereof, in other than British ships, it shall thereupon be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, so to authorize