

suance of the powers vested in us, hereby convene a meeting of the persons appointed Commissioners for putting in execution an Act passed in the 38th year of the reign of King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for granting an aid to His Majesty by a Land Tax to be raised in Great Britain for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight," being respectively qualified to act as Commissioners in the execution of the said last-mentioned Act, to be holden at the Oak Inn, at Cheadle, in the said county, on Saturday, the 26th day of April next, at twelve o'clock at noon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to act as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament granting to Her Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices, within and for the said district of Cheadle, in the county of Stafford.

*Chas. Pressly.
C. J. Herries.*

Inland Revenue, Somerset House,
London, 5th April, 1856.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the British Possessions in AMERICA, Computed from the RETURNS made in the Week ending the 8th day of April, 1856,

Is Twenty-six Shillings and Eleven Pence per Hundred Weight;

Exclusive of the Duties of Customs paid or payable thereon on the IMPORTATION thereof into GREAT BRITAIN.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the MAURITIUS, Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,

Is Twenty-eight Shillings and One Farthing per Hundred Weight;

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the EAST INDIES, Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty;

Is Twenty-five Shillings and Nine Pence per Hundred Weight;

The AVERAGE PRICE of the three foregoing Descriptions of SUGAR, jointly,

Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,

Is Twenty-seven Shillings and Two Pence Farthing per Hundred Weight.

By Authority of Parliament,

HENRY BICKNELL,
Clerk of the Grocers' Company.

Grocers'-Hall, April 11, 1856.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an application has been made to Her Majesty in Council to grant to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, incorporated by Royal Charter, dated the 29th day of December, 1853, a Supplemental Charter, for the purpose of effectuating the reduction of the capital of the Company to a sum of not less than £400,000, under such terms and provisions as to Her Majesty may seem proper; and that such application has been referred by Her Majesty in Council to the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations.—Dated this 8th day of April, 1856.

Oliverston, Lavie, and Peachey, 8, Frederick's-place, Old Jewry, Solicitors to the Bank.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an application has been made to Her Majesty in Council to grant to the General Screw Steam Shipping Company, incorporated by Royal Charter, dated the 19th day of August, 1847, a further Supplemental Charter, for the purpose of reducing the shares of the Company to £15 each, on such terms and conditions as to Her Majesty may seem meet; and that such application has been referred by Her Majesty in Council to the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations.—Dated this 8th day of April, 1856.

Oliverston, Lavie, and Peachey, 8, Frederick's-place, Old Jewry, Solicitors to the Company.

In the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

In the Matter of the Petition of Joseph Whitworth, of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Engineer, for a prolongation of the term of letters patent granted to him on the 2nd day of August, 1842, for England; the 1st day of November, 1842, for Ireland; and the 22nd day of March, 1843, for Scotland; for "certain improvements in machinery or apparatus for cleaning roads," and which machinery is also applicable to other similar purposes.

I HEREBY give notice, that their Lordships the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council have appointed Monday, the 16th day of June, 1856, at half-past ten o'clock A.M., for hearing the matter of the said Petition.—Dated this 8th day of April, 1856.

Edward Atkinson, 22, Bouverie-street, London, Petitioner's Solicitor.

Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions.

NOTICE is hereby given, that provisional protection has been allowed

702. To John Bromley, of Shelton, and William Adams, of Etruria, both in the county of Stafford, for the invention of "improvements in ovens used for firing porcelain and other kinds of earthenware."

704. To John Aspinall, of Limehouse, in the county of Middlesex, Civil Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in apparatus for obtaining extracts and decoctions."

706. To John Henry Johnson, -of 47, Lincoln's-inn-fields, in the county of Middlesex, and of Glasgow, North Britain, Gentleman, for the invention of "improvements in machinery or apparatus for raising nap or pile."—A communication from Messrs. F. H. Schroer and C. E. Rost, of Meissen, in the Kingdom of Saxony.

708. To George Hallen Cottam and Henry Richard Cottam, of Old St. Pancras-road, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of chairs, bedsteads, and other articles to sit and recline on."

710. To George Hedgcombe Smith, of North Perrott, near Crewkerne, in the county of Somerset, Twine Manufacturer, for the invention of "an improvement in the manufacture of saucepans, kettles, and other like culinary utensils."

712. To Robert Collins, of Trent, in the county of Somerset, for the invention of "an improved agricultural implement."