

the 1st of October, 1854, to the 9th of September, 1855.

The "Azoff" Clasp will be awarded to the officers and crews of such ships as served in the Sea of Azoff between the 25th of May, 1855, and the 9th of September, 1855, as well as to the officers and men who were employed in the boats of line-of-battle ships which took part in the operations against Taganrog, or elsewhere within the Sea of Azoff.

In cases in which officers or men have been engaged in any expedition or operation in the Sea of Azoff *after* the 9th of September, 1855, the period for which the "Azoff" Clasp is to be awarded will be extended to the 22nd of November, 1855, and the service for which the same is claimed must in such cases be duly certified.

Westminster, April 29, 1856.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for raising the sum of twenty-one million one hundred and eighty-two thousand seven hundred pounds by Exchequer Bills for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.¹

An Act to authorize for a further period the advance of money out of the Consolidated Fund for carrying on public works and fisheries and for the employment of the poor.

An Act to authorize for a further period the application of money for the purposes of loans for carrying on public works in Ireland.

An Act to enable the London Dock Company to raise a further sum of money.

An Act for supplying with gas the townships of Knottingley and Ferrybridge, in the West Riding of the county of York.

An Act to extend the period limited for the exercise of the powers of the Colonial Bank, and for other purposes.

An Act for lighting with gas the borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis and its neighbourhood, in the county of Dorset, and for other purposes.

An Act for the better supplying with gas the parish of Gainsborough, in Lincolnshire.

An Act for vesting in the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the borough of Liverpool the undertaking of the Chorley Waterworks Company, and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Haslingden and Rawtenstall Waterworks Company to raise a further sum of money, and for other purposes.

An Act for incorporating the Lancaster Gas Light Company and extending their powers, and for authorising additional works and the raising of further moneys, and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Southport Waterworks Company to raise a further sum of money, and for other purposes.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 30, 1856.*

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 Ambassador at Paris, enclosing copy of a French Imperial Decree, fixing the import duty upon cocoa-nut cordage and fibre at the same rate as that levied upon cordage and stripped plaits of Spanish broom.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 30, 1856.*

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 Ambassador at Paris, enclosing copy of a French Imperial Decree authorizing the admission into France, free of import duty, of iron ribs for strengthening and connecting beams in ship-building.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
May 2, 1856.*

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 Consul-General at Leipzig, stating that the prohibition of the transit of arms and ammunition through the Prussian dominions has been removed.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
May 2, 1856.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the 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 Consul General at Venice, reporting the cessation since the 25th April last of the restrictions imposed within the Austrian Customs' League upon the exportation of Grain and Flour and of articles manufactured of them.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
May 2, 1856.*

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 Ambassador at Constantinople, reporting the entire removal of the restrictions upon the export of grain from the Turkish dominions.

War Department, Pall Mall.

2nd May, 1856.

2nd Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Thomas William Sneyd, Gent., to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Alfrey, promoted. Dated 2nd May, 1856.

6th Dragoon Guards, Serjeant-Major William Wallace Graham, from the 17th Light Dragoons, to be Cornet, without purchase, vice Petrie, promoted. Dated 2nd May, 1856.

Cornet William Wallace Graham to be Adjutant, vice Stillman, who resigns the Adjutancy only. Dated 2nd May, 1856.