Board of Trade, Whitehall, | August 14, 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 Minister at Lisbon, enclosing a copy and translation of a law by which vessels entering Portuguese Ports with cargoes of grain are placed upon the same footing with regard to the payment of tonnage duties when departing in ballast as vessels leaving with cargoes of national goods.

War-Department, Pall-Mall, 15th August, 1856.

6th Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Major William Neville Custance to be Lieutenant-Colonel, without purchase. Dated 1st August, 1856. Captain Charles Sawyer to be Major, without purchase, vice Custance. Dated 1st August, 1856.

To be Captains, without purchase.

Captain Henry Brett, from 14th Light Dragoons. Dated 1st August, 1856.

Captain Charles Potts Rosser, from the 10th Light Dragoons. Dated 1st August, 1856. Lieutenant Ellis B. Cunliffe, vice Sawyer. Dated

1st August, 1856.

To be Lieutenants, without purchase.

Lieutenant William Oliver Bird, from the 10th Light Dragoons. Dated 1st August, 1856.

Lieutenant James John Neil Buchanan, from 10th Light Dragoons. Dated 1st August, 1856.

Lieutenant John Wynter James Gifford, from the 3rd Dragoon Guards. Dated 1st August, 1856. Lieutenant George Silvester Davies, from 10th Light Dragoons. Dated 1st August, 1856.

Lieutenant Charles John Heaton Ellis, from 9th Light Dragoons. Dated 1st August, 1856. Lieutenant John Hudson, from 10th Light Dra-

goons. Dated 1st August, 1856.
Lieutenant Charles Hill Uniacke, from 10th
Light Dragoons. Dated 1st August, 1856.
Lieutenant Augustus Alfred de Bourbel, from

10th Light Dragoons. Dated 1st August 1856.

Lieutenant Sydney Vyse, from 10th Light Dragoons. Dated 1st August, 1856.

Cornet-Baker Creed Russell. Dated 1st August, 1856.

To be Lieutenant, by purchase.

Cornet Frederick Shells, vice Murdock, who has retired. Dated 8th August, 1856.

To be Cornet, by purchase.

Henry Reginald Forster, Gent., vice Shells. Dated 8th August, 1856.

To be Assistant-Surgeon.

Assistant-Surgeon Charles James Davenport, M.D., from 66th Foot. Dated 1st August, 1856.

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

Sherwood Rangers.

The Right Honourable Henry Pelham Alexander Pelham Clinton, commonly called the Earl of Lincoln, to be Cornet, vice Eyre, resigned. Dated 9th August, 1856.

William Knight Hamilton Ramsay White, Esq., to be Cornet, vice Gordon, resigned. Dated 9th August, 1856.

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

Oxfordshire Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant Frederick Morton Eden to be Captain, vice Williams, retired. Dated 12th August, 1856.

Ensign Charles James Garstin to be Lieutenant, vice Eden, promoted. Dated 12th August, 1856.

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

City of Edinburgh Regiment of Artillery Militia. William Downing Bruce, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant, vice Lieutenant Wingate, whose Commission has been cancelled. Dated 12th August, 1856.

NOTICE.—"AZOFF" CLASP.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House, August 7, 1856.

HER Majesty having been graciously pleased to grant the "Azoff" Clasp to all Officers and Crews of such Ships as served in the Sea of Azoff between the 25th May, 1855, and the 9th September, 1855, the names of which are undermentioned, viz.:

HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS

Miranda	Vesuvius	Curlew
Swallow	Stromboli	\mathbf{A} rdent
\mathbf{M} edina	\mathbf{W} rangler	\mathbf{Viper}
Lynx	Recruit	Arrow
Snake	\mathbf{Beagle}	Weser
Grinder	Boxer	Cracker
Clinker	Fancy	Jasper
Sulina	Danube	-1

Also, the first and second launch of Her Majesty's ship Royal Albert; first and second launch of Her Majesty's ship Hannibal; first and second launch of Her Majesty's ship Agamemnon; first and second launch of Her Majesty's ship St. Jean d'Acre; first and second launch of Her Majesty's ship Princess Royal; first and second launch of Her Majesty's ship Algiers.

Notice is hereby given, that all claimants to such Clasp, notwithstanding any previous application, should apply personally, or by letter, with the words "Azoff Clasp" on the outside, to the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House."

Every applicant must state his rank or rating, and the name of the ship or ships on board which

Where there are several claimants on board the same ship, it would be desirable that they should make their applications in one letter, through their Commanding Officer, by a list, alphabetically arranged, under the names of the ships in which they were serving at the time, and affording the information as above required.

Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Office of the Commissioners of Patents for 1854. Inventions.

OTICE is hereby given, that the petition of John Yuil Borland, of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Machinist, praying for letters