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Whitehall, October 6, 1856.

THE Queen has been pleased to constitute and appoint James Goodsell Middleton, Esq., to be Major in the Artillery Company of London, in the room of Samuel Barnard, Esq., resigned.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
October 6, 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 Parana, enclosing copy of a Law recently passed by the Argentine Legislature levying duties, as follows, upon merchandize brought into any of the provinces of the Argentine Confederation from within the Capes at the mouth of the River Plate, and which law will come into effect in the month of February, 1857.

ARTICLE I.

1st. Merchandize not subject to specific duty shall pay double the ordinary duty.

2nd. Merchandize subject to specific duty shall, on its introduction, be subject to an additional duty of 30 per cent., ad valorem.

ARTICLE II.

Merchandize which may be introduced directly from outside the Capes by the said ports shall continue to pay only the ordinary duty.

ARTICLE III.

The natural and manufactured products of the Oriental Republic of the Uruguay, of the Republic of Paraguay, and of the Brazilian possessions situated within the Capes, introduced directly by the said ports come within the preceding article.

ARTICLE IV.

The natural and manufactured products of the Province of Buenos Ayres shall be admitted free of duty as national products.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
October 6, 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 Hamburgh, enclosing copy of a Proclamation of the Senator of the Ham-

burgh Marschlands, prohibiting, under a penalty of 50 dollars for each case, the importation of cattle from the Duchies of Holstein and Lauenburg, unless accompanied by a certificate from the authorities of the place from whence such cattle are imported, stating the district to be free from the pulmonary epidemic prevailing in those districts. Their Lordships have also received information that a similar prohibition has been enforced in the territory of Lubeck, as regards the cattle imported from the Duchies of Mecklenburgh Schwerin, Mecklenburgh Strelitz, and Holstein, unless accompanied by a like certificate.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
October 6, 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 Athens, enclosing a copy of a Circular addressed by the Greek Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Agents abroad of the Government, desiring them to bring to the notice of foreign capitalists the intention of the Government to concede to foreign companies various public works about to be undertaken.

The following are the works to which this circular has especial reference :

1. Drainage of lakes.
2. Construction of roads.
3. Construction of ports.

The conditions being as follows :

The works to be executed at the expense and on account of the Companies, according to plans previously drawn out and approved by the Government.

The Company will be required to deposit in the National Bank, if required by the Government, a sum in proportion to the importance of the work to be undertaken, as a guarantee for the fulfilment of the engagements, both as regards the time fixed for the execution of the works, as also the other conditions attached to the concession.

In satisfaction of these obligations the Greek Government will make the following concessions :—

A.—*Drainage of Lakes.*

To every Company undertaking works of this nature the Government will grant—

- (a.) The revenue derived during a fixed time