

And it is Our further will and pleasure that you, or any five or more of you, do obtain information touching the matters aforesaid by the examination of all persons most competent, by reason of their knowledge, habits, or experience to afford it, and also by calling for all documents, papers, or records which may appear to you, or any five or more of you, calculated to assist your researches and to promote the formation of a sound judgment on the subject, and that you, or any five or more of you, do report to us, under your hands and seals, your several proceedings, by virtue of this Our Commission, together with your opinions touching the several matters hereby referred for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twentieth year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

(Signed) PANMURE.

War-Office, May 7, 1857.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of the undermentioned Officer of the Marine of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of the French, to be an Honorary Member of the Military Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross, of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, viz.:

M. l'Amiral Hamelin (Ferdinand Alphonse), Sénateur, Ministre Secrétaire d'Etat au Département de la Marine et des Colonies.

LEGION OF HONOUR.

MEMORANDUM.—Colonel John William Gordon, C.B., of the Royal Engineers, has received Her Majesty's royal license and permission to accept and wear the *Fourth* Class of the Order of the Legion of Honour, and not the *Fifth* Class, as stated in the Supplement to the London Gazette, of Friday, the 1st instant.

Foreign-Office, May 7, 1857.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. M. W. Pitcher as Consul at Geelong for the Free Hanscatic city of Hamburgh.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
May 7, 1857.*

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 a Decree, issued by the French Government, opening the Port of Rouen to the importation of Spun Cotton.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
May 7, 1857.*

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 St. Petersburg, enclosing a communication from the Russian Government, stating, with reference to the notification of that Government published in the London Gazette of the 24th of April last, that the certificates required in that notification will not be demanded from vessels proceeding from ports in the Baltic, the North Sea, Holland, Great Britain (except Gibraltar, and Malta), and the French ports in the Channel and on the Atlantic, unless laden with Egyptian cotton.

Commissions signed by the Queen.

76th or Inverness-shire, &c., Highland Light Infantry Regiment of Militia.

John Sharp, Gent., to be Quartermaster. Dated 23rd August, 1856.

William Donaldson, Gent., to be Adjutant, vice Goldie, resigned. Dated 28th March, 1857.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Dumbarton.

Walter Buchanan, Esq., M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Pembroke.

Royal Pembrokeshire Artillery Corps Militia.

Owen Tucker Edwardes, Esq., to be Captain, vice Stokes, resigned. Dated 1st May, 1857.

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 5th day of May, 1857,

Is *Forty Shillings and Four Pence Three Farthings* 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 *Forty Shillings and Three Pence Farthing* per Hundred Weight,

No Return has been made of the Sale of BROWN or MUSCOVADO SUGAR, the Produce of the EAST INDIES, in the Week ending as above.

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

Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,

Is *Forty Shillings and Four Pence Farthing* per Hundred Weight.

By Authority of Parliament,

HENRY BICKNELL,
Clerk of the Grocers' Company.

Grocers'-Hall, May 8, 1857.

NOTICE.

NAVAL MEDALS FOR THE ARCTIC EXPEDITIONS.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset House, April 30, 1857.

HER Majesty having been graciously pleased to signify her commands that a Medal be granted