

panied on the part of Professors of the Fine Arts, with a conviction that Her Royal Highness' knowledge of those Arts will prove an important element of happiness in her relations with an enlightened and industrious people.

We cannot forget also that the advantages which a cultivated taste for the Fine Arts can confer, and which, as in the present instance, may contribute to influence for good the highest destinies, are among the results of that education, at once useful and refined, which Her Royal Highness owes to the example and care of her illustrious Parents.

In referring to so bright an instance of the higher utilities of the pursuits of taste, we desire to offer to your Majesty, together with our dutiful and heartfelt congratulations on an auspicious event, our grateful acknowledgement for that encouragement of the Fine Arts which is among the many happy characteristics of your Majesty's reign.

And the following on the same subject :

From the Grand Master, Depute Grand Master, Substitute Grand Master, and the other Office Bearers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Scotland.

From the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors, and other Inhabitants of the borough of Helston.

From the Clergy, Mayor, Magistrates, and Inhabitants of Walsall, in the county of Stafford.

From the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, Deemsters, and Keys of the Isle of Man.

Whitehall, March 6, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, appointing the Right Honourable Edward, Earl of Ellenborough, G.C.B., to be Her Majesty's Commissioner for the affairs of India.

The Queen has also been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, appointing the Right Honourable Thomas Henry Sutton Sotheron-Estcourt to be Poor Law Commissioner for England.

Whitehall, March 8, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, constituting and appointing the Right Honourable Sir John Somerset Pakington, Bart.; Vice-Admiral William Fanshawe Martin; Vice-Admiral the Honourable Sir Richard Saunders Dundas, K.C.B.; Rear-Admiral Alexander Milne; Captain the Honourable James Robert Drummond, C.B.; and Algernon George Percy, Esq. (commonly called Lord Lovaine), to be Her Majesty's Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dominions, islands, and territories thereunto belonging.

Whitehall, March 8, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Baronet of the said United Kingdom unto Richard John Griffith, Esq., of Munster Grilagh, in the county of Londonderry, and Pencraig, in the county of Anglesey, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

Whitehall, March 8, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Charles Bowyer Adderley to be President of the General Board of Health.

War-Office, March 6, 1858.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of Colonel Robert Richardson Robertson, Unattached, formerly of the 7th Dragoon Guards, Colonel John Francis Glencairn Campbell, of the 91st Regiment, Colonel Charles Henry Somerset, of the 72nd Regiment, and Colonel Frederick George Augustus Pinckney, of the 73rd Regiment, to be Ordinary Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Downing-Street, March 1, 1858.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to direct that letters patent be passed under the Great Seal, granting and declaring that the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, Doctor of Laws, Bachelor of Medicine, and Doctor of Medicine, already granted or conferred, or hereafter to be granted or conferred, by the Senate of the University of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, shall be recognised as Academic distinctions and rewards of merit, and be entitled to rank, precedence, and consideration in the United Kingdom, and in the Colonies and Possessions of the Crown throughout the world, as fully as if the said degrees had been granted by any University of the United Kingdom.

Crown-Office.

March 6, 1858.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present **PARLIAMENT.**

Borough of King's Lynn.

The Right Honourable Edward Henry Stanley, commonly called Lord Stanley, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

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Borough of Belfast.

Hugh MacCalmont Cairns, Esq., of No. 79, Eaton-place, in the county of Middlesex, Her Majesty's Solicitor-General.

City of Chichester.

The Honourable Henry George Charles Gordon Lennox, commonly called Lord Henry George Charles Gordon Lennox, of Portland-place, in the county of Middlesex, one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of the Exchequer of Great Britain and Lord High Treasurer of Ireland.

County of Wilts.

Northern Division.

The Right Honourable Thomas Henry Sutton Sotheron Estcourt, of Estcourt, in the county of Gloucester, President of the Poor Law Board.