- 2890. To Richard Archibald Brooman, of 166, Fleet-street, in the city of London, E.C., Editor of the Mechanics' Magazine and Patent Agent, for the invention of "an improvement in plating and gilding forks, spoons and other metal articles."—A communication from Messrs. De Sauvigny, residing at Paris.
- 2591. And to William Clark, of 53, Chancerylane, in the county of Middlesex, Engineer and Patent Agent, for the invention of "improvements in submarine electric telegraph cables or conductors."—A communication from Felix Marie Baudouin, of Rue des Recollets, Paris.

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 16th day of December, 1858.

- 2892. To James Jones Aston, of 41, Doughtystreet, in the county of Middlesex, and of the Middle-Temple, Barrister-at-Law, for the invention of "improvements in machinery or propellers applicable for the propulsion of ships boats and other vessels on and through the water, and in the propelling of all such vessels on and through the water by means of such propellers."
- 2893. To William Beckett Johnson, Manager for Messrs. Ormerod and Son, of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Engineers, for the invention of "improvements in machinery or apparatus for preparing for joining the rails of ruilways."
- 2894. To John Inshaw, of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, Engineer, and Joseph Inshaw, of Birmingham aforesaid, Engineer, for the invention of "an improvement or improvements in locomotive engines."
- 2895. To Arthur Hinde, of Wolverhampton, in the county of Stafford, Manager of Iron Works, for the invention of "improvements in treating or preparing the cinder or slag from puddling furnaces for the purpose of facilitating the manufacture of iron therefrom."
- 2896. To James Kerr, of 17, Bedford-terrace, Trinity-square, Southwark, in the county of Surrey, Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in the construction of revolving fire arms."
- 2897. And to James Clegg, of Keighley, in the county of York, Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in lubricating the valves and pistons of steam engines."

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- 2899. To John Aitken, of Irwell Vale Mill, Edenfield, near Bury, in the county of Lancaster, Manufacturer, and John Brooks, of the same place, Overlooker, for the invention of "improvements in looms."
- 2901. To Alexander Mitchell, of Glasgow, Machinist, for the invention of "improved apparatus for registering the speed of engines and other machinery."
- 2903. To Andrew Peddie How, of Mark-lane, Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in cocks or stop valves."
- 2905. And to James Soutter, of Edinburgh, in the county of Mid Lothian, Turner, for the invention of " improvements in apparatus for drying or airing linen or other articles of wearing apparel."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 18th day of December, 1858.

- 2907. To Thomas Swann Woodcock, of Salford, in the county of Lancaster, for the invention of "an improved index or book and paper marker." — A communication from Josce Johnson.
- 2909. To Robert Maclehose, of the town and county of Ayr, North Britain, Bookseller, for the invention of "improvements in stereoscopes."
- 2911. And to Alfred Vincent Newton, of the Office for Patents, 66, Chancery-lane, in the county of Middlesex, Mechanical Draughtsman, for the invention of "an improvement in lanterns."—A communication.

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 20th day of December, 1858.

In Chancery.

In the Matter of the Joint Stock Companies Winding-up Acts 1848 and 1849; and of the Joint Stock Companies Winding-up Amendment Act 1857; and of the National Patent Steam Fuel Company.

BY direction of his Honour the Vice-Chancellor Sir Richard Torin Kindersley, the Judge of the High Court of Chancery, charged with the winding up of this Company, notice is hereby given, that the said Judge purposes, on Tuesday, 18th day of January, 1859, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at his Chambers, No. 3, Stone-buildings, Lincoln's-inn, in the county of Middlesex, to proceed to make a call on all the contributories of the said Company, settled on the list up to this date, and that the said Judge purposes that such call shall be for £1 15s. per share.

All persons interested are entitled to attend at such day, hour, and place, to offer objections to such call.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1858.

CONTRACT FOR LIGNUM VITÆ.

Department of the Storekeeper-General of the Navy, Somerset-Place, December 22, 1858.

THE Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland do hereby give notice, that on Tuesday the 11th January next, at two o'clock, they will be ready to treat with such persons as muy be willing to contract for supplying Her Majesty's Dock Yard at Portsmouth, with

60 tons of ST. DOMINGO LIGNUM VITZ, of from $6\frac{1}{4}$ to $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter, and

10 tons of WHITE BAHAMA LIGNUM VITE, of from $3\frac{1}{3}$ to 4 inches diameter.

A form of the tender may be seen at the said office.

No tender will be received after two o'clock on the day of treaty, nor will any be noticed unless the party attends, or an agent for him duly authorized in writing.

Every tender must be addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty, and bear in the left-hand corner the words "Tender for Lignum Vitæ," and must be delivered at Somerset-place, accompanied by a letter signed by a responsible person, engaging to become bound with the person tendering, in the sum of $\pounds 200$, for the due performance of the contract.