

1915. To William Aristides Vétel, of Macduff, in the county of Banff, Merchant, for the invention of improvements in the preparation of bones for manure."
1916. To Richard Archibald Brooman, of No. 166, Fleet-street, in the city of London, E.C., Patent Agent, for the invention of "improvements in apparatus for preparing and spinning fibrous materials."—A communication from abroad, by Felix Edmond Lemaire, residing at Paris.
1917. To Joseph Jepson Oddy Taylor, of Mark-lane, in the city of London, Naval Engineer, for the invention of "an improvement in the separation of silex and silicious matter from iron."
1918. To Henry Spratt, of the Royal Marine Barracks, Plymouth, in the county of Devon, Captain Royal Marines, for the invention of "improvements in revolving pistols and other fire arms."
1919. To The Honourable William Talbot, of the Army and Navy Club, Pall-mall, in the county of Middlesex, for the invention of "an improved cigar lighter."
1920. To Henry Parkes, of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of cylinders, and tubular or hollow bodies of copper, and alloys of copper or other ductile metals."
1921. To Edward Abbott, of Brunswick-square, in the county of Middlesex, Merchant, for the invention of "improvements in ordnance and fire arms."
1922. To Oliver Maggs, of Bourton, in the county of Dorset, for the invention of "improvements in taps, cocks, or valves."
1923. And to Richard Sutton Harvey, of Lincoln, for the invention of "improvements in apparatus for dusting vines, hops, and other plants and trees with sulphur, and other powder."
- On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 22nd day of August, 1859.

1925. To Paolino Francesco Cherpantieri de la Salle, of Nice, Italy, Musical Instrument Maker, for the invention of "a new method of arranging the keys on the fingerboards of pianos, organs, and other similar instruments."

1927. To Thomas Fry, of Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, Gentleman, for the invention of "the application of enamelled slate to the new purpose of lining, panelling, or otherwise facing the internal or external walls of houses, public buildings, and edifices generally."

1929. To Oliver Maggs, of Bourton, in the county of Dorset, for the invention of "improvements in apparatus for weaving straw, rushes, and other materials into fabrics."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 23rd day of August, 1859.

#### CONTRACT FOR MARKS OF DISTINCTION.

Department of the Comptroller for Victualling, Somerset-Place, August 29, 1859.

**T**HE Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, do hereby give notice, that on Thursday the 8th September next, at half past one o'clock, they will be ready to treat with such persons as may be willing to contract for

supplying and delivering into Her Majesty's Victualling Stores at Deptford, Gosport, and Plymouth, all such

#### MARKS OF DISTINCTION

for Petty Officers and Leading Seamen of Her Majesty's Navy, as shall from time to time be demanded, under a contract for twelve months certain, and further until the expiration of three months' warning.

Patterns of the articles may be seen at the said office, and also at the Victualling Yards at Gosport and Plymouth.

Particular attention is called to the recent modification of the conditions of the contract, which may be seen at the said office, and at the Victualling Yards at Gosport and Plymouth.

No tender will be received unless made on the printed form provided for the purpose, and which may be obtained on application at the said Office, and at the Victualling Yards at Gosport and Plymouth.

No tender will be received after half past one o'clock on the day of treaty, and it will not be required that the party tendering, or an agent on his behalf, should attend at the Office on the day of contract, as the result of the offer received from each person will be communicated to him and his proposed sureties in writing.

Every tender must be addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty, and bear in the left-hand corner, the words "Tender for Marks of Distinction," and must also be delivered at Somerset-place.

#### CONTRACT FOR SALT BEEF AND SALT PORK.

Department of the Comptroller for Victualling, Somerset-House, August 6, 1859.

**T**HE Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland do hereby give notice, that on Thursday the 29th September next, at half past one o'clock, they will be ready to treat with such persons as may be willing to contract for supplying and delivering into Her Majesty's Victualling Stores at the undermentioned Ports, the following quantities of

#### SALT MEAT,

all of the cure of the present season, viz. :—

NAVY BEEF. NAVY PORK.

	Tierces.	Barrels.	Tierces.	Barrels.
Deptford .....	1,500 ...	1,500 ...	5,000 ...	7,500
Gosport .....	500 ...	500 ...	1,000 ...	1,500
Plymouth ...	500 ...	500 ...	1,000 ...	1,500
Haulbowline	1,500 ...	1,300 ...	2,000 ...	2,500

Their Lordships reserve to themselves the power, when the tenders are opened, of contracting either for the whole, or for such part thereof only as they may deem fit, or for a greater quantity, or of not contracting for any; and also an unlimited power of selection.

A separate tender must be given for the beef, and a separate tender for pork, and every tender must specify where the meat is intended to be cured.

Tenders for pork, of the cure of the United States of America, will not be admitted.

Persons tendering for more than one Port must give a separate tender for each Port.

The beef and pork to be delivered into the respective Stores as follows, viz. :—One-third of each quantity for each place by the 31st day of January, 1860; another third thereof by the 20th day of March, 1860; and the remainder thereof by the 15th day of May, 1860, or any greater portion, or the whole, at any earlier period, if pre-