

"a new method of reefing and furling the sails of ships and vessels from the decks thereof."

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 23rd day of January, 1860.

171. To Emile Louis Gatellier, of La Ferté-sous-Jouarre (Seine et Marne), France, Ingeneer, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of the crucibles, muffles, or pots, used for the reduction of the ores of zinc."
173. To John Calvert, of No. 189, Strand, in the county of Middlesex, Civil Engineer, for the invention of "improved methods of easing and distributing the strain on ships' cables when subject to great tension or pressure."
175. To Charles Iliffe, of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, Button Manufacturer, for the invention of "improvements in double shell buttons."
177. To Henry Blaxland, of Sittingbourne, in the county of Kent, Upholsterer, for the invention of "an improved churn."
179. To Joseph Threlfall Carter, of Sydenham, in the county of Kent, Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in machinery for tilling the soil and in engines and boilers for driving the same, and other agricultural implements."
181. To George Edmond Donisthorpe, of Leeds, in the county of York, Top Manufacturer, for the invention of "an improvement in making cop tubes."
183. And to Isaac Lowthian Bell, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, for the invention of "an improvement in supplying hot blast to furnaces."
- On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 24th day of January, 1860.
185. To Frederick Yates, of Berlin, but now residing at No. 31, Parliament-street, Westminster, Civil Engineer, for the invention of "improved apparatus for generating certain gases to be used as fuel, and as reducing agents in metallurgic and other operations and improvements in furnaces to be heated and worked therewith."
187. To Théodore Ramspacher, Civil Engineer, and Christophe Frédéric Schmidt, Tailor, of 2, Rue Ste. Appoline, Paris, France, for the invention of "preparing wire-gauze to render it applicable to various purposes."
189. To Thomas Donkin, of the firm of Bryan Donkin and Company, of Bermondsey, in the county of Surrey, Engineers, for the invention of "an improvement in paper making machines."
191. To François Antoine Kieffer, of 23, Rue Oudinot, in the city of Paris, for the invention of "improvements in fabrics suitable for straps for driving machinery and for other purposes."
193. To Horatio James Huggins, of the Island of St. Vincent, in the West Indies, for the invention of "improvements in filtering and decolorizing cane juice solutions of sugar and other liquids, and in the manufacture of sugar."
195. And to Jean Pierre Lamar, of Bush-lane, in the city of London, Merchant, for the invention of "improvements in boots, shoes, and similar foot-coverings, in fixing the heels and soles thereof, and in apparatus for forming and applying screws for the foregoing and other purposes."—A communication from abroad, by Charles Jarrin, of Rue Bourbon Villeneuve, Paris, France.
- On their several petitions recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 25th day of January, 1860.

## CONTRACTS FOR SUGAR, TEA, OATS, AND TOBACCO.

Department of the Comptroller for Victualling and Transport Services, Somerset-House, January 28, 1860.

**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 9th February 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, the undermentioned articles, viz.:

Sugar, 300 tons; half to be delivered in three weeks, and the remainder in three weeks afterwards, or earlier if preferred by the party tendering.

Tea, 100,000 lbs.; half to be delivered in three weeks, and the remainder in three weeks afterwards, or earlier if preferred by the party tendering.

Oats, 300 quarters; half to be delivered in three weeks, and the remainder in three weeks afterwards, or earlier if preferred by the party tendering.

Tobacco, 50 tons; half to be delivered in three weeks, and the remainder in three weeks afterwards, or earlier if preferred by the party tendering.

*Tenders may be made for the whole or any portion of the articles.*

*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.*

*The sugar, tea, and tobacco to be exempted from the Customs's duties, and parties tendering are to state where they are respectively lying.*

*Samples of the oats (not less two quarts), and of the tea (not less than two pounds, from the bonded warehouse), must be produced by the parties tendering.*

*Each tender for sugar must specify the mark and landing number of each cask or package, the ship in which imported, and the country or place of its growth or produce, and an average sample (not less than 2 lbs. for each import mark) must be produced by the parties tendering, and not an average of different marks or several imports, and any parcel that is found not to be of the same mark or average quality as the samples tendered and accepted, will be rejected by the officers.*

*Each tender for tobacco must specify the several trade marks and numbers, and the countries or places of its growth or produce, and a fresh drawn dock sample of each cask or package must be produced by the parties tendering, and any cask or package that is found not to be of the same mark, number, or quality as the sample tendered and accepted, will be rejected by the officers.*

*The samples produced by persons whose tenders are not accepted, are requested to be taken away by them immediately after the contracts have been decided.*

*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, or to the Officer conducting the Packet Service at Liverpool, or to the Collector of Customs at Bristol.*

*Particular attention is called to the recent modification of the conditions of the contracts, which*