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FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1860.

Foreign-Office, August 15, 1860.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. C. Brodersen as Consul at Hong Kong for His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Oldenburgh.

Downing-Street, August 15, 1860.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Stair Douglas, Esq., to be Colonial Secretary for the Island of Mauritius.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Sir William Byam, Knt.; John Gray, Esq.; Thomas Nicholson, Esq., M.D.; James Watson Sheriff, William Thibou, William Ann Coull, John Bell Lowry, and Alexander Adlam, Esqrs.; to be Members of the Executive Council of the Island of Antigua.

Her Majesty has further been pleased to appoint George Webbe, Walter Maynard, and Thomas Huggins, Esqrs.; the Reverend Joseph Herbert Pemberton, Hastings Charles Huggins, and William Scott, Esqrs.; to be Members of the Executive Council of the Island of Nevis.

Her Majesty has further been pleased to appoint William Steventon, Esq., M.D., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Montserrat; and Thomas Alexander Finlayson to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Trinidad.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
August 17, 1860.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, enclosing a copy of a French Imperial Decree, authorising the importation of raw wool through any of the custom-houses of the Empire.

Commissions signed by the Queen.

1st Battalion of West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers (York).

Captain Charles Edward Preston, half-pay 18th R. I. Regiment of Foot, to be Adjutant, from the 25th June last. Dated 14th July, 1860.

3rd Battalion of West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers (Bradford).

Francis Lepper, Esq., late Captain 81st Foot, and 7th Lancashire Militia, to be Adjutant with the rank of Captain from the 29th May last. Dated 16th July, 1860.

MEMORANDA.

The 18th (Pontefract), 19th (Rotherham), and 20th and 21st (Doncaster), Corps of West Riding Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers have been united in a Battalion for administrative purposes, with a Staff consisting of 1 Major and 1 Adjutant; the Battalion is numbered the 4th, in the said West Riding, and the several Corps composing it will retain their present numbers in the County Force.

1st West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers (York).

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation by Major George Briggs of his Commission as Captain-Commandant of this Corps.

12th West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers (Skipton).

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain Mathew Wilson in this Corps.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Northampton.

Oscar William Hambrough, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 13th August, 1860.

Northamptonshire Regiment of Militia.

Ensign Henry Charles Chaves Lucena to be Lieutenant. Dated 10th August, 1860.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Westmoreland.

6th Westmoreland Rifle Volunteers.

Captain Jasper Selwyn to be Captain-Commandant, vice Ruxton, resigned.