

Britannic Majesty that the Government of the King, in consequence of recent events, has declared the Blockade of the Island of Sicily and the islands adjoining to it.

The Undersigned has in consequence the honour to notify this fact to Earl Russell, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and takes this opportunity to renew to him the assurance of his most distinguished consideration.

(Signed) L. CORTL

London, August 23, 1862.
49, Grosvenor-street.

War Office, August 26, 1862.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of Captain Roderick Dew, of the Royal Navy, to be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Whitehall, August 25, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto John Bush, Esq., a British subject, who is actually and entirely employed in the service of the King of Siam, as Harbour Master, at Bangkok, Her Majesty's Royal licence and permission that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the White Elephant, which the King of Siam has been pleased to confer upon him.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
August 25, 1862.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Note addressed to Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid, by Marshal O'Donnell, stating that the obligation contained in the instruction of the 18th July, 1817, requiring all vessels to hoist a yellow flag at the fore on entering Spanish ports, and to keep it so hoisted until the vessel is admitted to pratique, is still in force.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
26th August, 1862.*

COMMISSARIAT DEPARTMENT.

Deputy-Assistant Commissary-General William Clare Ball to be Assistant Commissary-General, vice George Alexander Skinner, placed on the Retired List. Dated 1st August, 1862.

The undermentioned Acting Deputy-Assistant Commissaries General having completed the

prescribed period of probation, to be Deputy-Assistant Commissaries General :—

Henry William Ravenscroft.
Robert Squarey.

Commissions to bear date 1st August, 1862.

MILITARY STORE DEPARTMENT.

Deputy-Superintendent of Stores F. M. Cromartie to be Superintendent of Stores, vice Pellatt, placed on the Retired List. Dated 24th July, 1862.

Assistant-Superintendent of Stores C. H. Cooper to be Deputy-Superintendent of Stores, vice Cromartie. Dated 24th July, 1862.

Deputy Assistant-Superintendent of Stores A. C. Macduff to be Assistant-Superintendent of Stores. Dated 2nd August, 1862.

India Office, August 22, 1862.

HER Majesty has been pleased to approve of the undermentioned promotions and alterations of rank amongst the Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Military Forces :—

PROMOTIONS.

BENGAL ARMY.

Cavalry.

Lieutenant-Colonel (Major-General) Philip Francis Story, C.B., to be Colonel, vice Houstoun, deceased. Dated 6th April, 1862.

Late 16th Regiment Native Infantry.

Major (Brevet Colonel) Neville Bowles Chamberlain, C.B., to be Lieutenant-Colonel.
Captain William Graydon to be Major.
Lieutenant Richard Henry Wall to be Captain, vice Young, deceased. Dated 19th May, 1862.

Late 40th Regiment Native Infantry.

Lieutenant John Roberts to be Captain, vice Briggs, promoted. Dated 1st January, 1862.

General List of Infantry Officers.

Ensign Charles McDowal Skene to be Lieutenant, vice Baily, late 17th Native Infantry, promoted. Dated 17th March, 1862.
Ensign Henry Scoley Moules to be Lieutenant, vice Cadell, late 20th Native Infantry, promoted. Dated 29th March, 1862.
Ensign Alexander Pringle Samuells to be Lieutenant, vice Fitzgerald, 1st Goorka Regiment, resigned. Dated 2nd May, 1862.
Ensign Charles McKenzie Hall to be Lieutenant, vice Wall, late 16th Native Infantry, promoted. Dated 19th May, 1862.
Ensign Hugh Bladen Swiney to be Lieutenant, vice Wall, late 16th Native Infantry, promoted. Dated 19th May, 1862.

ALTERATIONS OF RANK.

General List of Infantry Officers.

Lieutenant William Tucker Arundel Thain to take rank from 13th October, 1861, vice Middleton, late 40th Native Infantry, deceased.
Lieutenant Francis Eddowes Hastings to take rank from 16th October, 1861, vice Thorp, late 69th Native Infantry, resigned.