

H.M.'s Consulate, Ningpo, China,

SIR,

September 10, 1862.

I HAVE been honoured by Earl Russell's despatch of the 26th June last, inclosing an account, by an eye-witness, of atrocities perpetrated on Taeping prisoners by the Imperialists at Shanghai; and instructing me to report whether any similar cruelties have been committed by the Chinese, within the district of my Consulate.

The statement from the "Overland Times of India" is the first intimation I have received of these atrocities. It seems to me very strange that, living so near Shanghai, I should not, before now, have heard of them, considering that at the period of their alleged occurrence, there were two newspapers published in Shanghai. But, perhaps, it is even more strange that these barbarities were allowed to be perpetrated (so it is stated) in the presence of English and French officers (the eye-witness included), without the slightest effort having apparently been made by the lookers-on to check and otherwise put a summary stop to this butchery. Mr. Consul Medhurst will, however, be able to supply all necessary details as to the correctness and authenticity of the statement; and further be in a position to lay before his Lordship the fullest particulars bearing upon the subject.

As regards Ningpo and its districts, my despatches on late events will have conveyed to you all needful information upon this important point; I am bound to admit that Chinhai, Ningpo, and Yuyaou, have been recaptured, successively, under circumstances of great humanity, moderation, and soberness. No efforts have been spared by both Captain Dew and myself, to impress on the local authorities, in the strongest language possible, and at opportune moments, our firm determination not to allow the shedding of blood, or to countenance any of those acts of Asiatic revenge and gratified cruelty which have so often disgraced the Imperial cause. And as we spoke, so we acted. There were very few executions, and no torture of any kind whatever. In the half dozen cases of decapitations, real old rebels were the sufferers, traitors to their sovereign and country, and most wicked and dangerous criminals. I must add, for the credit of our local authorities, that they understood and fully appreciated our wishes and demands in this respect—and that they readily complied with them,—thereby rendering it needless that we should take the steps necessary to have them enforced.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) **FREDERICK HARVEY,**
H.M.'s Consul at Ningpo.

Edmund Hammond, Esq.,
H.M.'s Under Secretary of State.

Buckingham Palace, November 27, 1862.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to make the following appointment in His Household:

To be Groom of the Bedchamber to His Royal Highness:

The Honourable Robert Henry Meade (not Maude, as erroneously printed in last Gazette).

Whitehall, December 1, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto the Venerable Henry Law, M.A., the Deanery of Her Majesty's Cathedral Church of Gloucester, void by the death of Edward Rice, D.D.

Foreign Office, December 1, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. George Augustus Revel Bourguignon as Vice-Consul at Port Louis for the Swiss Confederation.

Crown Office, November 29, 1862.

THE Queen has been pleased, by letters patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to constitute and appoint

John Osborne, of Lincoln's-inn, in the county of Middlesex, Esquire, and
James St. George Burke, of the Middle Temple, London, Esquire,
to be of Her Counsel learned in the Law.

Board of Trade, Whitehall,
December 2, 1862.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade give notice, that the Moniteur of the 29th ultimo contains a French Imperial Decree, adding the Custom House of Dieppe to those already opened for the direct importation and clearance of English and Belgian Tissues taxed ad valorem.

War Office, Pall Mall,
2nd December, 1862.

2nd Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant George Frederick Ormsby to be Captain, by purchase, vice William Henry Horne, who retires. Dated 2nd December, 1862.

Cornet Westropp Mc Mahon Weir to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Ormsby. Dated 2nd December, 1862.

Lieutenant Charles Lever has been permitted to retire from the service by the sale of his Commission. Dated 2nd December, 1862.

5th Dragoon Guards, Cornet Francis Gist to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Joseph Heremon Perse Fitz Patrick, who retires. Dated 2nd December, 1862.

7th Hussars, Staff Assistant-Surgeon Reginald Croft Lever, M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice George Moulas Slaughter, appointed to the Staff. Dated 2nd December, 1862.

12th Lancers, Staff Assistant-Surgeon Charles John White to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice Edward Mason Wrench, who resigns. Dated 2nd December, 1862.

16th Lancers, Cornet David George Sandeman, from the 4th Dragoon Guards, to be Cornet, vice William Alexander Battine, promoted. Dated 2nd December, 1862.

17th Lancers, Captain Walter Balfe, from 19th Foot, to be Captain, vice John Gibsone, who exchanges, receiving a portion of the former difference between Cavalry and Infantry. Dated 2nd December, 1862.