

Majesty in your exalted and arduous station by his support and sympathy, and that your Majesty may be spared, by a gracious Providence, to enjoy for many years the loyal attachment and gratitude of your Majesty's devoted subjects, is our humble and heartfelt prayer.

Given under our Common Seal, this 10th day of November, 1862.

Abel Heywood, Mayor.

Jos. Heron, Town Clerk.

And the following on the same subject:—

From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Leominster.

Foreign Office, February 27, 1863.

IT is hereby notified that Earl Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, a Despatch, dated Washington, February 6, 1863 (of which the following is an Extract), enclosing a copy of a Note from Mr. Seward, dated the 5th of February, respecting the Blockade of the Port of Galveston.

"I have the honour to enclose a copy of a Note which I received at two o'clock this afternoon from Mr. Seward, stating that the Blockade of Galveston was 'resumed immediately, and will be continued until further notice.'"

*Department of State, Washington,
February 5, 1863.*

MY LORD,

AS opinions may be entertained by Merchants interested in trade to the Port of Galveston, in Texas, that the blockade of that port by a United States naval force may, in consequence of recent events in that quarter, have been interrupted, I have the honour to acquaint you, with a view to obviate embarrassments to neutral commerce, which might be occasioned by such opinions, that the blockade was resumed immediately, and will be continued until further notice. Although due notice of such resumption will probably have been given by the commander of the blockading squadron to vessels which may attempt to enter Galveston, it is deemed advisable to communicate a similar notice to your Lordship.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. H. SEWARD.

The Lord Lyons.

Crown Office, February 25, 1863.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Lisburn.

John Doherty Barbour, of the Fort, in the county of Antrim, in the room of Jonathan Richardson, Esq., who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead.

India Office, 26th February, 1863.

Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of the undermentioned promotions and alterations of rank amongst the Officers of the Bengal Staff Corps, and of the Bengal Army.

BENGAL.

STAFF CORPS.

Admission.

To be Captain.

Captain (Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel) Thomas Augustus Carey, of the late 17th Regiment Native Infantry. Dated 9th September, 1856.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Majors.

Captain William Davis. Dated 9th December, 1862.

Captain Robert Michael Smith Annesley. Dated 9th December, 1862.

Captain (Brevet-Major) John Irvine Murray. Dated 10th December, 1862.

Captain Thomas Charleton Merrick. Dated 10th December, 1862.

Captain (Brevet-Major) Henry Murray Garstin. Dated 20th December, 1862.

Captain Edmund Arthur Grubb. Dated 20th December, 1862.

Captain (Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel) William Templer Hughes. Dated 28th December, 1862.

Captain Edward Marsh Martineau. Dated 28th December, 1862.

Captain Samuel Briggs Cookson. Dated 28th December, 1862.

To be Captains.

Lieutenant Henry Roche Osborn. Dated 9th December, 1862.

Lieutenant Edward Henry Cassan Simpson. Dated 9th December, 1862.

Lieutenant Eugene Clutterbuck Impey. Dated 10th December, 1862.

Lieutenant William Cavendish Bentinck Ryan. Dated 10th December, 1862.

Lieutenant Edward Thornbrough Sadler. Dated 10th December, 1862.

Lieutenant Gilbert James Pasley. Dated 20th December, 1862.

Lieutenant James Vere Hunt. Dated 20th December, 1862.

Lieutenant Charles Ferguson Sharpe. Dated 20th December, 1862.

Lieutenant Philip Henry Farrell Harris. Dated 20th December, 1862.

General List of Infantry Officers.

Ensign Edward Harvey Webb, to be Lieutenant, vice Temple, late 49th Native Infantry (Staff Corps), deceased. Dated 11th December, 1862.

Ensign Hugh Stark Anderson, to be Lieutenant, vice Nicholson, late 54th Native Infantry (Staff Corps), deceased. Dated 18th December, 1862.

Medical Officers.

Assistant-Surgeon William White, M.D., F.R.C.S., to be Surgeon, vice Crozier, deceased. Dated 13th November, 1862.

ALTERATION OF RANK.

General List of Infantry Officers.

Lieutenant Herbert Robert Rankin, to take rank from 4th November, 1861, in succession to Hughes, late 62nd Native Infantry, retired.