

arrear. Before Mr. Lindsay's departure from Lisbon in January last, the Government paid an instalment of interest; but, as that gentleman, by the advice of his legal adviser here, maintained that the Government was responsible to the English shareholders for the repayment of the whole of their capital and interest, he refused to accept from the company this proposed interest, though he was willing to accept it from the Government on account, which, of course, the latter declined.

The subsidy hitherto granted to the company was 79,000,000 reis, or upwards of £16,000 per annum, thus divided:—

| | Rs. |
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| African Fine | 58,000,000 |
| Azores do. | 11,400,000 |
| Algarve do. | 9,600,000 |

But in the last Session, the Government was authorized to grant an annual subsidy of 160 contos or upwards of £35,000 to any company capable of undertaking the lines in question; and though the Mercantile Union Company was not mentioned specifically, yet there is no doubt that company regards the Act in question as increasing their former subsidy to the highest amount.

In conclusion I may observe that I cannot and do not suppose that the Portuguese Government ever contemplated inflicting any injury on the shareholders, all their interests lay in the prosperity and maintenance of the Company; but, by their very negligent supervision, they allowed the directors to proceed in a manner which Mr. Lindsay declares has seriously injured the British shareholders, while the Company is indebted to the Government in considerably more than £100,000.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR MAGENIS.

The Right Honourable
Earl Russell, K.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

[The following Notice is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 14th of July last.]

St. James's Palace, June 23, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel William McCall, Unattached, to be Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, vice Cargill, retired.

This appointment to date from 11th June, 1863.

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Board of Trade, Whitehall,
September 7, 1863.

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 Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Venice, enclosing the subjoined Notice to Mariners, respecting the regulations to be observed by Merchant Vessels on passing within a certain distance of the coast fortifications on Austrian Territory.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(Translation.)

It having frequently occurred that Merchant Vessels, both National and Foreign, passing within

the Austrian seas before an Imperial Royal Fortress have omitted to hoist their colours, even after having been summoned to do so by the firing of a blank shot, the Imperial Royal Ministry of Marine, with the concurrence of Imperial Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of War, has ordered, by Despatch of the 21st July last, No. 522, that both Austrian and Foreign mariners should be reminded of the obligations to which they are subject according to the principles of Maritime International Law, and founded on territorial sovereignty, to hoist their national flags whenever bringing to, or passing by within the distance of three nautical miles in the limits of, an Imperial Royal Fortress, or other fortified places within Austrian maritime coasts, which signalize themselves by the display of the Austrian National flag.

In bringing this Superior Ordinance to the knowledge of National and Foreign mariners as their unfailing rule of conduct, the Central Maritime Government thinks it necessary to add that mariners would have to attribute to themselves those prejudicial consequences which might arise from the casual non-observance of the present Notice.

From the Imperial Royal Central Maritime Government.

Trieste, the 5th August, 1863.

(Signed) BECKE.

War Office, Pall Mall,
8th September, 1863.

Corps of Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant-General Lewis Alexander Hall to be Colonel-Commandant, vice General Oldfield, deceased. Dated 3rd August, 1863.

War Office, Pall Mall,
8th September, 1863.

2nd Regiment of Dragoon Guards, John Duncan Macpherson, Gent., to be Cornet, by purchase, vice William Goff Davis Goff, who retires. Dated 8th September, 1863.

11th Hussars, Cornet John Delacour to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice John Gideon Pott, who retires. Dated 8th September, 1863.

15th Hussars, Cornet Alexander Martin Edmiston has been permitted to retire from the Service by the sale of his Commission. Dated 8th September, 1863.

17th Lancers, William Augustus Ellis, Gent., to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Edward Williams Pritchard, who retires. Dated 8th September, 1863.

18th Hussars. The Christian names of Cornet Arthur, are Henry Howard, and not Henry Howard Arthur, as stated in the Gazette of the 21st July, 1863.

Royal Artillery, Gentleman Cadet William Frederick de Hubenet Curtis to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Henry Trafford, deceased. Dated 16th July, 1863.

The Commission of Lieutenant George Frederick Darley Sutton to be antedated to 6th July, 1863.