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Downing Street, July 16, 1864.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint the Venerable Archdeacon Parry, M.A., to be a Member of the Council of the Island of Barbados; Horace Turner, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Antigua; John Clerkson Maynard and Peter Thomas Huggins, Esqrs., to be Members of the Executive Council of the Island of Nevis; and James Whittal, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the colony of Hong Kong.

Whitehall, July 18, 1864.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting unto Henry Murray Lane, Esquire, Bluemantle Pursuivant of Arms, the office of Chester Herald, vacant by the decease of Edward Stephen Dendy, Esquire.

(1066.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall, July 18, 1864.

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-General at Valparaiso, inclosing a copy of a Decree of the Chilian Government, deferring the calling in of the old 25 cent pieces for a period of six months, and of which the following is a translation :-

Santiago, May 19, 1864 —Having perused the foregoing note, and considering,

1. That a great scarcity of silver coin is felt in

the market.

2. That it is at present very difficult to replace the silver coin which is exported, on account of the high price of silver bullion, which exceeds the maximum price fixed by law for the purchases which the Mint is authorized to make.

3. That in attention to these circumstances it is convenient to prorogue the term within which I

the Fiscal Offices may receive the 25 cent pieces, and which will not present any difficulties to commerce, inasmuch as the said coin does not alter the Decimal system.

I Decree,-Let the term fixed by the 3rd Article of the Decree of June 8, of last year, within which the Fiscal Offices may receive the national silver coin of 25 cents, be prolonged for

Let this be noted, communicated, and published.

> (Signed) PEREZ.

ALEJANDRO REYES. (Countersigned)

(1067.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall' July 18, 1864.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following translation of a Decree of the Chilian Government, regulating the prices to be paid at the Mint for Gold and Silver Bullion purchased for the purpose of coining, and which has been forwarded by Her Majesty's Consul at Valparaiso:-

Santiago, May 21, 1864.—Having perused the preceding note from the Superintendent of the Mint, and considering:

1. That in order to facilitate the introduction of gold and silver bullion for coining, it is necessary to adopt a scale of prices for the purchase of these metals, which, without going beyond the limits established by the present laws, may be altered according to the state of the market.

2. That with this object it is requisite to establish rules to determine the form and terms in which the variations should be made.

I have accorded and decree-

Art. 1. The purchases of gold and silver bullion for the working of the Mint shall be made at the prices which may previously be fixed by a Committee, composed of the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Comptroller.

Art. 2. This Committee shall meet as often as the Superintendent may convoke it. The official Comptroller shall keep a Book of Minutes, these minutes shall be sent in copy to the Minister of