

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Herts.

11th Herts Rifle Volunteer Corps.

William R. Mifsord to be Lieutenant. Dated 26th November, 1865.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex.

3rd Middlesex Artillery Volunteer Corps.

John Cook to be First Lieutenant. Dated 7th October, 1865.

Civil Service Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Thomas William Angell to be Captain, vice Harrington, resigned. Dated 2nd August, 1865.

26th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Frederick William Humphreys to be Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 25th October, 1865.

London Irish Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign Allan James Marsh Bradgate to be Lieutenant. Dated 2nd August, 1865.
Alexander Brander Lucas to be Ensign. Dated 20th November, 1865.

38th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps

Edward Robert King Harman to be Captain. Dated 17th July, 1865.

40th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Rowles Pattison to be Captain, vice Jones, resigned. Dated 20th November, 1865.
Ensign Frederick Albert Hooper to be Lieutenant, vice Pattison, promoted. Dated 20th November, 1865.
Edward Henslowe Bedford to be Ensign, vice Hooper, promoted. Dated 20th November, 1865.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, and of the City and County of the City of Norwich.

22nd Norfolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant John William Davey to be Captain. Dated 20th November, 1865.

Ensign George Cleminson Barker to be Lieutenant, vice Davey, promoted. Dated 20th November, 1865.

Thomas Robinson Mitchell, M.D., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 20th November, 1865.

The Reverend Alfred Fowler Smith to be Honorary Chaplain. Dated 20th November, 1865.

MEMORANDUM.

Adjutant S. G. McDakin, of the 1st Newcastle-on-Tyne Rifle Volunteer Corps, to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 4th November, 1865.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER.

Michaelmas Term, 29th Victoria,

Saturday, the 25th day of November, 1865.

THIS Court will hold a sitting on Tuesday, the 5th day of December next, and will at such sitting proceed in giving judgment in Matters then standing for judgment.

*Fred. Pollock.
G. Bramwell.
W. T. Channell.
G. Pigott.*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ACT BY LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WHEREAS the Local Government Act, 1858, was duly adopted on the 10th day of October, 1865, by the borough of Longton, in the county of Stafford; and notice of such adoption has been given; and the other requirements of the said Act have been duly complied with; and whereas the period fixed by the said Act for appeal against the resolution for the adoption of the said Act by such borough has now expired, and no such appeal has been made:

Now, therefore, I, as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby give notice that the Local Government Act, 1858, has been duly adopted within the said borough of Longton, in the county of Stafford, and that, in accordance with the provisions thereof, the said Act will, at the expiration of two months from the date of the passing of the aforesaid resolution, have the force of law within such borough of Longton.

Given under my hand this 25th day of November, 1865.

(Signed) G. Grey.

Home Office, Whitehall.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE.

(No. 4).—CHINA.—EAST COAST.

Entrance to the River Min.

THE following information, dated 30th August, 1865, has been received from the Commander-in-Chief on the China station, respecting the existence of new shoals at the entrance of the River Min, and also of the discovery of a shoal in the northern part of the China Sea:—

Mr. Shay, pilot for the River Min, states that since the survey of that river by Mr. J. Richards Master, R.N., in 1854, new shoals have formed at the entrance, and the mark for large vessels to enter, High Sharp Peak open southward of Sharp Island peak, N.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W.,* now leads in three fathoms water (the chart shows four fathoms) over a bar which extends across from the South Breakers to the Outer Knoll; and it also leads close to the southward of the south extreme of a shoal of seven feet water, extending about S.W. by S., three-quarters of a mile from the Inner Knoll.

Sharp peak and High Sharp peak in line, lead in seven feet water (the chart shows two fathoms) over a bank extending from Rees Rock to Nine-foot Patch.

The channel between the Inner Knoll and North Breakers is rapidly filling up with knolls of sand, and is not navigable. Where the chart has four fathoms there are now only two fathoms.

Rees Rock is marked by a stone beacon; and a beacon has been placed on Middle Dog Island.

CHINA SEA.

The Commander of the Bremen steamer Singapore reports that on his passage to Hong Kong, 13th May, 1865, his vessel passed over a rocky shoal, on which soundings were obtained in 10 fathoms water. Its position is lat. 19° 10' N., long. 118° 53' east of Greenwich, which was obtained by noon observations, and by three chronometers nearly agreeing.† The weather was nearly calm at the time, and the vessel was about an hour and a half over the shoal, which was considered to be three miles in extent.