

que la levantado el bloqueo del Callao, dejando dicha escuadra las aguas del Peru.

(Signed) CASTO MENDEZ NUÑEZ.

(Translation.)

*Frigate "Numancia," Bay of Callao,
May 9, 1866.*

SIR,

THE undersigned has the honour to announce to the Honourable Mr. Barton that from this date the blockade of Callao is raised, the said squadron quitting the Peruvian waters.

(Signed) CASTO MENDEZ NUÑEZ.

Marlborough House, June 15, 1866.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has appointed the Viscount Hamilton to be a Lord of the Bedchamber to His Royal Highness, in the room of the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, resigned.

Marlborough House, June 15, 1866.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has appointed the Earl of Mount Edgcombe to be an Extra Lord of the Bedchamber to His Royal Highness.

Whitehall, June 13, 1866.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Knight of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Richard Couch, Esq., Chief Justice of Her Majesty's High Court of Judicature at Bombay.

The Queen has also been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Knight of the said United Kingdom unto Walter Morgan, Esq., Chief Justice of Her Majesty's High Court of Judicature for the North-Western Provinces of the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal.

Foreign Office, June 14, 1866.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of M. Julius Menke as Consul at Hong-Kong for His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Oldenburg.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
June 12, 1866.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the "Albert Medal" on SAMUEL POPPLESTONE, of Start Farm, in the county of Devon, Farmer.

The following are the services in respect of which the decoration has been conferred, viz.:

The "Spirit of the Ocean," a barque of 557 tons, with a crew of eighteen hands and twenty-four passengers, was wrecked on the rocks, four hundred yards to the west of Start Point, in the

county of Devon, on the 23rd March, 1866.

The mate and one of the crew were saved by Samuel Popplestone, unaided, and at the imminent risk of his own life.

The circumstances under which this very dangerous service was performed by Mr. Popplestone are as follows, viz.:

The vessel, with a part of her crew sick, and the mates and passengers assisting in working her, was caught in a strong gale from the south-west; and on Friday, the 23rd March, she was off the Start, in a very dangerous position.

Mr. Popplestone observed the peril of the vessel, and knew that if she failed to weather the rocks she must inevitably be lost, and every soul lost with her, unless assistance could be rendered from the shore.

He therefore despatched a messenger on one of his own horses to Tor Cross, to rouse the villagers, and another messenger on horseback to give information to the Coast Guard.

The vessel had by this time struck on the rocks, and had begun to break up rapidly.

Mr. Popplestone took a small coil of rope, and, alone and unaided, proceeded over the shore from rock to rock until he got near to the vessel. The wind at the time was blowing at force 11, that is, a storm, nearly equal to a hurricane, accompanied by rain, and a very heavy and dangerous sea. Whilst Popplestone was standing on the rock nearest to the vessel, endeavouring to effect a communication with the vessel, he was washed off; but, by a great effort on his part, and by the help of a returning sea, he regained his footing, and from this perilous position he succeeded in saving the lives of two persons, and conveying them beyond the reach of danger.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
June 15, 1866.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Venice, containing the copy of a Notice, of which a translation is subjoined:—

(Translation.)

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

It is hereby made known to mariners, for their guidance and strict observance, that the I. R. Commander of the Fortress of Zara has taken the following measures for the safety of that place:—

1. The small port near "Porta Mezzo" shall remain entirely closed from the hours of nine at night to half-past four in the morning.
2. Vessels and boats are prohibited from approaching by any part of the canal, either towards the high road or the Porporella.
3. Vessels and boats intending to enter the large port after nightfall or before daybreak, must, before permission can be obtained, come to an anchor in the roadstead, and be admitted to pratique by that I. R. Port and Health Office.

It is, however, to be understood, that the above dispositions do not refer to steam vessels of the Lloyd Company on their making themselves known as such when at a distance.

From the I. R. CENTRAL MARITIME
GOVERNMENT.

Trieste, 29th May, 1866.