

Lord Chamberlain's Office, December 15, 1866.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the public on and after Thursday next, the 20th instant, under the usual regulations.

War Office, December 18, 1866.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of His Highness Ismail Pacha, Viceroy of Egypt, to be an Honorary Member of the Civil Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Foreign Office, December 14, 1866.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Gerard Francis Gould, Esq., now a Second Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Buenos Ayres.

(1836.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
December 17, 1866.*

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 Minister at Rio de Janeiro, enclosing the following translation of a Brazilian Decree regulating the mode by which certain alterations made by a recent law in the character of the Bank of Brazil are to be carried out:—

(Decree.)

*Ministry of Finance,
No. 3720 of 18th October, 1866.*

PUTS in execution the law, No. 1349 of 12th September last in the part relative to the emission of the Bank of Brazil, and to the payment of the debt of the treasury to said bank.

In consideration of the Bank of Brazil having ceased to enjoy the faculty of emitting notes at sight, to bearer, because of the condition being accepted of the law, No. 1349 of 12th September last, by the Committee of the General Assembly of Shareholders of said bank, competently authorized to stipulate with the Government the renovation of the contract celebrated, in virtue of the law, No. 683 of 5th July, 1853, as shown by the agreement of 11th inst. between the Government and said Commission, and making use of the power which Art. 1st, § 10 of the 1st of the laws cited above, confers, I will and decree the following:—

Art. 1st. All paper of whatsoever quality, rendered useless or not, signed or unsigned, the respective check books (from whence the bank notes are cut), and any other thing relating to the emission of the Bank of Brazil, existing either in the bank itself or in its branches, shall be transmitted by the bank to the Sinking Fund Office.

§ 1. Both the paper and the other things of which this Article treats, shall be received by

inventory in duplicate, one copy remaining with the bank, the other in the Sinking Fund Office, after the necessary minutes shall have been made.

§ 2. After the paper and other inutilized objects shall have been taken to the Sinking Fund, they shall be then and there immediately burnt with all the formalities enjoined by Art. 13.

§ 3. The surplus paper, both signed and unsigned of the effective emission of the Head Office (say Bank), on 11th instant, and that of its branches, on the dates indicated in Art. 10, which is in a perfect state, shall, after being received by the Sinking Fund establishment, be kept in the substitution department; in special coffer, one of which being for the signed and the other for the unsigned notes of which the same functionaries and employés of the coffer of the department shall keep the keys.

Art. 2nd. The notes of the bank taken into the Sinking Fund establishment, must not, under any pretext whatever, be emitted, except under the conditions and in cases marked in the present decree.

Sole paragraph.—Every and any functionary or employé of the Sinking Fund Office who shall omit or consent to the emission of notes, which shall not be in substitution of those which are badly torn, or for other reasons, such as ought to be legally withdrawn from circulation, shall be punished by the penalties of Art. 175 of the Criminal Code.

Art. 3rd. The direction of the operations of changing and substituting, as well as that of other formalities relating to the emission of the bank, excepting that of signature, belongs to the administrative "junta" of the Sinking Fund Office, its members belonging thereto, and the respective service pertaining to the (service of the) substituting of notes department of the said establishment.

Art. 4th. The substitution of the notes of the bank, which from being torn, or from appearing to be forged, or from other motives, ought to be legally withdrawn from circulation, shall be made by the surplus notes, of which Art. 1st, § 3 treats, or by others of a new pattern engraved at the expense of the bank.

Art. 5th. The signature of the notes of the bank which are to circulate by substitution in conformity with the preceding Articles, shall continue to be done as heretofore.

§ 1. The necessary writing being completed, the masses of notes for signature shall be transmitted to the bank by the Sinking Fund Office, accompanied by a memorandum in duplicate with the necessary declaration as to the quantity of the masses and of the notes, their numbers, series, and value; and the bank, to legalize the delivery shall pass the competent receipt on one of the memoranda, which shall be restituted when they shall be returned to the Sinking Fund Office.

§ 2. The return of the signed notes to the Sinking Fund Office shall be accompanied by a specification of their numbers, series, value, and signers—signed by them in order to serve in any ulterior examination.

Art. 6th. For the payment of the sum of 11,000,000\$000 to which § 4 of the 1st Art. of the law 1349 of 12th September, 1866, refers, the proper edict and advertisements preceding the same, the change of notes of the bank for paper money to that amount shall be effected, the Sinking Fund Office stamping each one of the notes which shall be changed with a die of the word "inutilizada" (rendered useless), and putting them into a special coffer.