

2nd. The railway officials will hand over the baggage to be sent by transit and without examination, to the Frontier Custom-house officers, who, after having simply sealed it, so that its identity may be established, will give them a certificate on which will be written the number and nature of the packages, their weight, and the service labels by which they are entered in the way-bill.

The same number of certificates will be given as there are Custom-houses through which the luggage has to pass.

3rd. The certificate will be made out in the name of the Railway Company, which is charged with the responsibility of presenting it at the Custom-house at the place of departure. The time allowed for arrival at this Custom-house will be fixed in relation to the mileage of the railway, and the time it takes to traverse it having reference to the railway regulations and the hours of departure and arrival of the trains.

4th. The certificate will be taxed at the rate of one franc for each kilogram of gross weight.

5th. The Bureau, at the place of departure after having ascertained that the seals are unbroken and after having compared the luggage with the descriptions set forth in the certificate will allow it to pass, if there is nothing to prevent it and will deliver up the service ticket.

6th. If any articles arrive without their seals, or externally disfigured, and it can be proved that there has been neither fraud, nor attempt at fraud, the dispositions of the Article 78 c., of the Custom-house regulations shall be put in force.

If, on the contrary, a fraud is proved, or if a package is missing, the certificate shall only apply to such portion of the luggage as has been found to be in order, so that the Frontier Custom-house may proceed on the basis of the certificate which is spoken of in Article 4, in the terms of Article 69 of the "Custom-house Regulations."

Foreign Office, July 13, 1868.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Francis John Pakenham, now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Stockholm, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Brussels.

Crown Office, July 15, 1868.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Clitheroe.

Ralph Assheton, of Downham Hall, in the county of Lancaster, Esq., in the room of Richard Fort, Esq., deceased.

(C. 887.)

Board of Trade Whitehall,  
July 16, 1868.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, enclosing an extract from the "Moniteur" of

the 9th instant, which contains an Imperial Decree, dated the 4th July, 1868, which authorizes the establishment of special tonnage dues at Dunkerque, in connection with the improvement of the port.

The following is a translation of the Articles of this Decree:—

ART. 1. A tonnage due of 12 centimes per ton burthen will be levied at the port of Dunkerque, on and after the 1st January following the publication of the present Decree, upon all vessels, French or foreign, entering laden into the port, and which shall come from long voyages or from foreign countries.

This due is not applicable to Imperial men-of-war.

The levying of this due has been granted to the town. The receipts will be applied exclusively to cover the difference between the rate of interest paid by the Government to the town and that paid by the town to the subscribers to the loan authorized by the Law of the 20th May, 1868.

The due will cease to be levied immediately upon the entire reimbursement of the sum which forms the above-mentioned difference.

ART. 2. The Decree of the 6th June, 1868, is and remains repealed.

(C. 892.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
July 16, 1868.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, an extract from the "Moniteur," containing an Imperial Decree, dated the 9th instant, in virtue of which grain and flour may be imported and exported through all the Custom-houses in the Empire.

Queen's Commission.

1st Administrative Battalion of Berks Rifle Volunteers.

James Colebrooke Carter, late Ensign 43rd Foot, to be Adjutant, from the 3rd June, 1868.

MEMORANDUM.

Adjutant James Colebrooke Carter, of the 1st Administrative Battalion of Berks Rifle Volunteers, to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 25th June, 1868.

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

1st Administrative Battalion of Aberdeenshire Rifle Volunteers.

Major Sir William Forbes, Bart., to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Fraser, resigned. Dated 9th July, 1868.

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

2nd Cambridgeshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

The Reverend John Scott, M.A., to be Honorary Chaplain. Dated 8th July, 1868.  
William Groom, Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon. Dated 8th July, 1868.