

(commonly called Lord Otho FitzGerald) to be Comptroller of Her Majesty's Household, in the room of the Right Honourable Charles Philip Yorke (commonly called Viscount Royston), resigned.

Whitehall, December 21, 1868.

The Queen has been pleased by Letters patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Hugh Culling Eardley Childers; Vice-Admiral Sir Sydney Colpoys Dacres, K.C.B.; Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Spencer Robinson, K.C.B. (being the Comptroller of Her Majesty's Navy); Captain John Hay (commonly called Lord John Hay), C.B.; and George Otto Trevelyan, Esq.; to be Her Majesty's Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions, Islands, and Territories thereunto belonging.

Whitehall, December 21, 1868.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Edward Penwarne Wellings, B.A., to the Vicarage of Stanford-in-the-Vale, in the county of Berks, and diocese of Oxford.

The Queen has also been pleased to present the Reverend Joseph Akcroyd Armitage, M.A., to the Rectory of St. Philip, Whitwood, in the county and diocese of York.

Crown Office, December 22, 1868.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Plymouth.

Sir Robert Porrett Collier, Knt., Her Majesty's Attorney-General.

Borough of Halifax.

James Stansfeld the younger, one of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Borough of Birmingham.

The Right Honourable John Bright, President of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations.

Borough of Pontefract.

The Right Honourable Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, First Commissioner for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom.

University of London.

The Right Honourable Robert Lowe, Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of the Exchequer.

Borough of Truro.

The Honourable John Cranch Walker Vivian, one of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Borough of Bradford.

The Right Honourable William Edward Forster, Vice-President of the Committee of Privy Council on Education.

Borough of Greenwich.

The Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone, First Commissioner for executing the Office of Treasurer of the Exchequer of Great Britain and Lord High Treasurer of Ireland.

City of Exeter.

Sir John Duke Coleridge, Knt., Her Majesty's Solicitor-General.

City of Ripon.

John Hay (commonly called Lord John Hay), one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland.

(C. 1695).

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
December 21, 1868.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Brussels, inclosing a Decree, dated 8th December, 1868, relative to the transport of petroleum, naphtha, &c., on rivers and canals in Belgium.

The following are the Articles of this Decree:—

The transport of petroleum, naphtha, and other hydro-carbons on the rivers and canals under Government management shall be subject to the following precautionary measures:—

ART. 1. Boats laden with materials of the above-named descriptions can only be stationed at places pointed out either by the local authorities or by the agents entrusted with the water police. Any stoppage without good reason in the boats' course is forbidden.

ART. 2. These boats must discharge their cargo immediately on arrival at their destination.

ART. 3. When "en route" these vessels must, as far as possible, keep out of the way of any vessels they may meet, as well as of banks upon which there are any buildings.

ART. 4. They must not have on board either fires or matches and they must be as open as possible, without cabins or any part covered in, in which explosive gases could accumulate.

ART. 5. They shall take precedence of other boats in passing through locks, with the exception of boats laden with gunpowder, gun-cotton, and explosive materials, to which the Royal Decree of the 15th July, 1859, is applicable.

ART. 6. Any infraction of the preceding regulations shall be reported by the agents entrusted with the "surveillance" of the rivers and canals and any other agents of public management having power for that purpose, according to the provisions of the law of the 29th Floreal in the year X, as well as the Decrees of the 16th December, 1811, and 10th April, 1812; and shall be punished by the penalties laid down in Art. 1 of the law of the 6th March, 1818, provided that the law shall not have stated the penalties which shall be specially applicable.