the said William Hodge, henceforth assume and take the surname of Hodge only, instead of that of Jackson, and that the said surname of Hodge only may be taken, borne, and used by his issue:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise to be void and of none effect.

Westminster, April 19, 1869.

THIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that The Lords authorized by wirtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for repealing the Act of the session of the eighth and ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and twentytwo.

An Act to enable Lord Napier of Magdala to receive the full benefit of the salary of Member of Council for the Presidency of Bombay, or as holding any other office in India, notwithstanding his being in receipt of an annuity granted to him under the Act thirty-one and thirty-two Victoria, chapter ninety-one.

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better payment of the Army and their Quarters.

An Act for the regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on shore.

An Act to repeal so much of The Regulation of Railways Act, 1868, as relates to the approval by meetings of incorporated railway companies of bills and certificates for conferring further powers on those Companies.

An Act for the confirmation and execution of arrangements made between the Secretary of State in Council of India and the East India Irrigation and Canal Company; and for other purposes con-

nected therewith.

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Board of Trade, Whitehall, April 22, 1869.

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 Chargé d'Affaires at St. Petersburgh, reporting that the Russian Government has, by a Ukase of the 13th March last, re-introduced the gold ducat, of the value of three roubles. The standard of this coin will be the same as that of the half Imperial, it will bear on one side the Imperial arms, and on the obverse the value, and the weight, \$\frac{8}{96}\$ of a zolotnik of fine gold.

War Office, Pall Mall, 23rd April, 1869.

- 3rd Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant Algernon Cecil Dawson, from the 71st Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice W.P. Roche, who exchanges, receiving a portion of the former difference between Cavalry and Infantry. Dated 24th April, 1869.
- 7th Dragoon Guards, Major John Peyton, from the 18th Hussars, to be Major, vice Barton, who exchanges. Dated 24th April, 1869.
- 4th Hussars, Ensign William Bernard Wilson, from the 9th Foot, to be Cornet, vice Edmonstone, promoted. Dated 24th April, 1869.
- 5th Lancers, Cornet Alfred Bissel Harvey to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Charles E. Harenc, a Probationer for the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 5th March, 1869.
- 17th Lancers, Cornet Ernest Augustus Belford to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Sir Charles Nugent, Bart., who retires. Dated 24th April, 1869.
- 18th Hussars, Major Christopher Barton, from the 7th Dragoon Guards, to be Major, vice Peyton, who exchanges. Dated 24th April, 1869.
- Royal Regiment of Artillery, The undermentioned Officers have been permitted to resign their Commissions; viz.:—
- Second Captain William Scott. Dated 24th April, 1869.
- Lieutenant William Henry Borrodaile Sale. Dated 24th April, 1869.
- Military Train, Ensign Edward Holberton to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Lionel St. Aubyn, who retires. Dated 24th April, 1869.
- 2nd Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Charles De St. Croix to be Captain, without purchase, vice Henry Waring, Seconded on appointment as Inspector of Musketry in India. Dated 13th February, 1869.
- 3rd Foot, Ensign Ethelred St. Barbe Sladen to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Hugh Maitland FitzRoy, who retires. Dated 24th April, 1869.
 Edwards Werge Howey, Gent., to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Sladen. Dated 24th April, 1869.
- 4th Foot, Lieutenant Charles Robin Hammond to be Captain, without purchase, vice Daniel Geran Clery, deceased. Dated 27th March, 1869.
- Ensign Henry Moore to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Hammond. Dated 27th March, 1869.
- 8th Foot, Staff Surgeon-Major Grahame Auchinleck, M.D., to be Surgeon, vice Thomas Clark Brady, appointed to the Staff. Dated 24th April, 1869.
- 9th Foot, William Bernard Wilson, Gent., to be Ensign, by purchase, vice William Crighton Gray, who retires. Dated 24th April, 1869.
- 13th Foot, Lieutenant John Arthur Powell Kyte Harwood to be Captain, by purchase, vice John Angerstein Rowley, who retires. Dated 24th April, 1869.

Ensign Christian Hollingworth to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Harwood. Dated 24th April,

1869.