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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
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THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, copies of two Decrees issued by the French Government respecting the temporary importation of cast iron and cotton tissues.

The following are the Articles of these Decrees, which were published on 9th January instant :—

I. ART. 1. Cast iron shall continue to be admitted under the system of temporary admissions which was instituted by the Decree of 15th February, 1862.

Cast pig iron, however, can only be imported under this system for the manufacture of cast wares.

ART. 2. Iron and other metals enumerated in Art. 1 of the Decree of 15th February, 1862, must be conveyed to the factories authorised to make use of them.

The Custom-house officers will take such measures as are necessary to ensure the arrival of these products at their destination.

ART. 3. Charcoal-iron cannot be represented upon re-exportation by an equivalent of articles manufactured from coke-iron.

ART. 4. The credit account allowed on importation will only be opened at the recommendation of the Consulting Committee of Arts and Manufactures, charged with the duty of examining into the relation which exists between the material imported and the products exported.

ART. 5. All the provisions of the Decree of 15th February, 1862, which are not opposed to the present Decree are to remain in force.

ART. 6. The importation credit accounts already opened will remain in force for six months, from the date of the present Decree, under the conditions laid down in the foregoing Articles.

II. ART. 1. Four months from the date of the present Decree, tissues of cotton, pure or mixed, shall cease to be admitted under the system of temporary admissions.

Admiralty, 18th January, 1870.

Lieutenant William L'Estrange Walsh has been this day placed upon the Retired List, with the rank of Commander, under Her Majesty's Orders in Council of 1860, 1864, and 1866.

Queen's Commission.

Royal South Lincoln Militia.

Christopher Wade Farwell, Esq., late Captain 37th Foot, to be Adjutant, from the 1st November, 1869, vice Norris, resigned.

Queen's Commission.

4th Administrative Battalion of Hampshire Rifle Volunteers.

Captain William Cooke, late Adjutant of the 3rd Administrative Battalion of Hampshire Rifle Volunteers, to be Adjutant, from the 10th September, 1869.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Chester, and County of the City of Chester.

2nd Cheshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

First Lieutenant Henry Thomas Brown to be Captain, vice Evans, resigned. Dated 1st January, 1870.

Second Lieutenant Horace Hignett to be First Lieutenant, vice Brown, promoted. Dated 1st January, 1870.

Second Lieutenant Charles William Townshend to be First Lieutenant, vice Gamon, resigned. Dated 3rd January, 1870.

James Rigg, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant, vice Hignett, promoted. Dated 1st January, 1870.

Charles William Duncan, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant, vice Townshend, promoted. Dated 3rd January, 1870.

MEMORANDUM.

Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of Captain A. O. Walker bearing the designation of Captain-Commandant of the 2nd Cheshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.