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Foreign Office, July 25, 1870.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Adam Badeau as Consul-General in London for the United States of America.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Louis Heldbeck as Consul at Lagos for the North German Confederation.

Whitehall, July 16, 1870.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Alexander James Badgley, Esquire, a Captain in the 33rd (Duke of Wellington's) Regiment of Foot, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will and testament of Thomas Weeding, late of Mecklenburgh-square, in the county of Middlesex, and of Malden, in the county of Surrey, Esquire, deceased, take and henceforth use the surname of Weeding only:

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

II hitehall, July 21, 1870.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Albert George Dew, of the city of Salisbury, of Rushett House, in the parish of Thames Ditton, in the county of Surrey, and of Trinity College, in the University of Cambridge, Gentleman, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will and testament of William Smith, late of the parish of St. Thomas, in the city of New Sarum, Banker, deceased, henceforth take, use, and bear the surname of Smith, in addition to and after that of Dew:

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

(C. 918)

Board of Trade, Whitehall, July 23, 1870.

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 Chargé

d'Affaires in Venezuela, transmitting copies of two Decrees of General Guzman Blanco, the one declaring the Port of Borburata open to trade for importation and exportation, and the other granting permission to foreign vessels to engage in the coasting trade of Venezuela for the term of four months, under the formalities and requirements established for native vessels by the VI Law of the Code of Finance, sanctioned on the 25th of May, 1867, which is in force

(C. 929.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall, July 23, 1870.

THE Right Honorable 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 Ambassador at Vienna, inclosing translation of two Articles of a Treaty recently signed and ratified between Austria and the North German Confederation, for the abolition of the Elbe Dues.

The following is the translation of the Articles: -

ART. I. On and after July 1, 1870, tolls shall be levied on the Elbe upon ships and their cargoes, and upon rafts only for use of certain special appliances designed for the facilitation of traffic.

ART. II. The Convention of the 4th of April, 1863, between Prussia, Austria, Saxony, Hanover, Denmark, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Anhalt-Dessau-Köthen, Anholt-Bernburg, Lubeck, and Hamburgh, respecting a readjustment of the Elbe Dues, the regulations imposed by existing treaties, compacts affecting the navigation of the Elbe, which were suspended in virtue of Art. 14 of that Convention, and the compact of the 4th of April, 1863, between Prussia, Austria, Saxony, Anhalt-Dessau-Köthen, Anholt-Bernburg, and Hamburgh, concerning the administration and imposition at Wittenberg of the Elbe Dues, held in common, will cease to have force on and after July, 1870.

War Office, Pall Mall, 26th July, 1870.

1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant Arthur Gibbings to be Captain, by purchase, vice Frederick Henry Huth, who retires. Dated 27th July, 1870.

Cornet Henry Le Patourel to be Lieutenant, by purchase vice Gibbings. Dated 27th July

1870.