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Whitehall, October 31, 1870.

THE Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend James Barclay to the church and parish of Saint Michael's, at Dumfries, in the presbytery and county of Dumfries, vacant by the transportation of the Reverend Alexander Bryson to the church and parish of Alloa.

St. James's Palace, October 31, 1870.

The Queen has been pleased, on the nomination of the Marquis of Normanby, to appoint Colonel William Chester Master, C.B., late 5th Foot, one of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, vice Captain S. L. A. B. Messiter, deceased.

(C. 1217.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
October 31, 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 Minister at Madrid, enclosing a copy of a Decree of the Spanish Government, dated 15th July last, approving the new General Customs Ordinances:—

DECREE.

(Translation).

ART. 1. The General Customs Ordinances,* drawn up in fulfilment of the law of the 1st July, 1869, are approved.

ART. 2. These Ordinances will come into force on the 1st November next.

ART. 3. From the prescription of Art. 2 is excepted the disposition which requires masters of vessels to have a manifest of their cargoes ready drawn up on entering Spanish waters. That disposition will come into operation on 1st January, 1871, for vessels arriving from all ports in Europe, all ports of Asia and Africa in the Mediterranean, and African ports on the Atlantic as far as Cape Mogador; and on 1st April, 1871, for vessels arriving from all other ports in Asia and Africa, and from all ports in America and Oceania.

Until this disposition comes into operation, masters of vessels must come provided with the

Consular-Register as hitherto; on and after the 1st November, however, those who wish it may cease to provide themselves with the register, and subject themselves at once to the formation of the aforesaid manifest.

* A translation of the General Spanish Customs Ordinances may be seen upon application at the Board of Trade (Commercial Department), Whitehall Gardens.

(C. 1240.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
October 31, 1870.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid, a copy of an Order addressed by the Spanish Colonial Minister to the Governor of the Philippine Islands, modifying Articles 42, 156, 157, 158, and 159 of the Customs Regulations in force in those Islands. The above-mentioned Articles will in future be respectively worded as follows:—

ART. 42. If the examination shows minus differences in the number, weight, measure, or value of the effects, then, for the payment of the duty, that which is manifested in the declaratory notes shall be abided by; but where there are plus differences, whether in quality or quantity, Arts. 156 and 157 shall be observed.

ART. 156. If, on examining and comparing goods of lawful commerce with the declarations of the parties interested, there be found in the goods a plus or minus difference in quantity or quality not exceeding 4 per cent., they shall be despatched according to the result of the said acts. When the plus differences in quantity or quality between that which is found and that which is declared exceeds 4 per cent., the parties interested shall suffer an additional duty equal to the difference between the duty to have been paid on the goods according to the declarations and the duty to be applied in consequence of the result of the examination. As regards oil, dried cod fish, greases, soap, butter, and other oleaginous goods liable to waste away, plus or minus differences shall not be accounted as such, if they do not exceed 5 per cent. in goods coming from Asia, and 8 per cent. in goods coming from other countries. For calculating the rate per cent. of the differences that may appear in one and the same despatch, and the