

If the Chairman or Deputy Chairman die or cease to be a member of the Governing Body during his period of office, the members present at the next meeting held after the occurrence of such vacancy shall choose some other member to fill the vacancy, and the member so chosen shall hold office as long as the person in whose place he is chosen would have held the same.

If at any meeting neither the Chairman nor Deputy Chairman of the Governing Body be present, the members present shall choose some one of their number to be Chairman at such meeting.

In case of any equality of votes at any meeting the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Date of operation of Statute.

9. This Statute, when approved by Her Majesty in Council, shall have full operation and effect from the date of the Order in Council signifying such approval.

Approved and Sealed by the Special Commissioners appointed for the purposes of the "Public Schools Act, 1868," this sixteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.



AT the Court at Windsor, the 16th day of May, 1871.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 24th day of March, 1866, Her Majesty was pleased, under or by virtue of the provisions of "The Medical Act," by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to re-nominate and re-appoint William Sharpey, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine, to be a Member of the General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom:

And whereas, under or by virtue of the provisions of the said Act, the said William Sharpey, Esquire, has ceased by lapse of time to be a Member of the said General Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth, under and by virtue of the provisions in that behalf contained in the said "Medical Act," nominate the said William Sharpey, Esquire, to be again a Member of the said General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom for the term of five years from the date of this Order.

Edmund Harrison.

Whitehall, May 15, 1871.

The Queen has been pleased to grant to the Reverend John Percival, M.A., the dignity of a Prebend in the Cathedral Church of Exeter, void by the death of Doctor Henry Philpotts, late Bishop of Exeter.

(C. 399.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
May 15, 1871.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following translation of a Portuguese Law dated the 27th ultimo, imposing increased import duties on tobacco:—

ART. 1. The following duties upon tobacco are to be substituted for those imposed in virtue of the 7th Article of the Law of May 13, 1864:

Tobacco in rolls, per kilogramme, Reis 1200=5s. 4d.

Tobacco in leaf, per kilogramme, Reis 1400=6s. 2'66d.

Tobacco in cheroots, per kilogramme, Reis 2200=9s. 9'33d.

Any other kinds of tobacco manipulated, per kilogramme, Reis 1800=8s.

Upon the powder and residue of the leaves and of the stem of the tobacco plant, the duty shall be paid as upon tobacco in leaf, and in case the stem should be chopped, the duty payable thereupon shall be that of manipulated tobacco.

ART. 2. All legislation to the contrary is hereby revoked.

(C. 402.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
May 15, 1871.*

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 Correspondence which has taken place between Her Majesty's Minister at Lisbon, Her Majesty's Consul at Funchal, and the Portuguese authorities at Lisbon and Madeira, relating to the treatment of two British ships which had arrived, with clean bills of health, at the port of Funchal, for the purpose of landing mails, cargo, and passengers. In consequence of a single case of small-pox having occurred on board these vessels respectively, they were placed in quarantine, and no lazaretto being provided on the island, permission was refused to land the cargo and passengers, both having, therefore, to be conveyed to the coast of Africa. The remonstrances of Her Majesty's Government with the Portuguese authorities having failed as yet to bring about any alterations in the quarantine arrangements at Madeira, the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade think it right to warn Merchants trading with that island, or persons about to proceed there, that no vessel will be allowed to land goods or passengers in the event of any case of sickness of an infectious nature occurring during the voyage.

(C. 410.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
May 16, 1871.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas, the following translation of a Decree of the Venezuelan Government, dated the 15th ultimo, relating to the abolition of transit duties at Ciudad Bolivar:—

(Translation.)

ART. 1. Such merchandize as may be imported through the Port and Custom-house of Ciudad