

THE FAIRS ACT, 1871.

WATFORD FAIRS.

WHEREAS a representation has been duly made to me, as Secretary of State for the Home Department, by the Justices sitting in Petty Sessions for the Watford Division of the Liberty of St. Alban, that Fairs have been annually held on the first Tuesday after Whitsun week, and on the 9th and 10th days of September, in the town of Watford, in the said division of the said liberty, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fairs should be abolished:

And whereas notice of the said representation, and of the time when I should take the same into consideration, has been duly published in pursuance of "The Fairs Act, 1871:"

And whereas, on such representation and consideration, it appears to me that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fairs should be abolished:

And whereas the Right Honourable the Earl of Essex, as lord or owner of the said Fairs and the tolls thereof, has consented in writing that the said Fairs should be abolished:

Now, therefore, I, as the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Fairs Act, 1871," do hereby order that the Fairs which have been annually held on the first Tuesday after Whitsun week, and on the 9th and 10th days of September, in the town of Watford, in the liberty of St. Alban, shall be abolished as from the date of this order.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 30th day of December, 1872.

(Signed) *H. A. Bruce.*

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LEXFIELD FAIRS.

WHEREAS a representation has been duly made to me, as Secretary of State for the Home Department, by the Justices sitting in Petty Sessions for the Hoxne Division of the county of Suffolk, that Fairs have been annually held on the 12th day of May, and on the 25th day of October, in the parish of Lexfield, in the said division of the said county, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fairs should be abolished:

And whereas notice of the said representation, and of the time when I should take the same into consideration, has been duly published in pursuance of "The Fairs Act, 1871:"

And whereas on such representation and consideration it appears to me that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fairs should be abolished:

And whereas Miss Mary Crabtree and Miss Fanny Crabtree, both of Halesworth, in the county of Suffolk, Spinsters, as lords or owners of the said Fairs and the tolls thereof, have consented in writing that the said Fairs should be abolished:

Now therefore, I, as the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Fairs Act, 1871," do hereby order that the Fairs which have been annually held on the 12th day of May, and on the 25th day of October, in the parish of Lexfield, in the Hoxne Petty Sessional Division of the county of Suffolk, shall be abolished as from the date of this order.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 30th day of December, 1872.

(Signed) *H. A. Bruce.*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ACT IN THE PARISH OF BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.

WHEREAS a resolution for the adoption of the Local Government Act, 1858, was, on the 1st day of November, 1872, passed by the owners and ratepayers of the parish of Baldock, in the county of Hertford; and notice of such adoption has been given, in writing, to the Local Government Board by the persons required to give the same:

Now, therefore, we, the said Local Government Board, do hereby consent to such adoption, and give notice, that the Local Government Act has been adopted within the said parish of Baldock.

Given under our Seal of Office, this 30th day of December, 1872.



(Signed) *James Stansfeld,*
President.

John Lambert, Secretary.

COTTON STATISTICS' ACT, 1868.

RETURN of the Quantities of COTTON Imported and Exported at the various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week ended 26th December, 1872.

	Imports.	Exports.
	Bales.	Bales.
American	37,855	1,642
Brazilian	8,688	...
East Indian	36,237	5,748
Egyptian	17,482	1
Miscellaneous	6,626	293
Total	106,888	7,684

Dated December 27, 1872.

R. VALPY,
Statistical and Commercial Department,
Board of Trade.

THE Crown Agents for the Colonies have been directed by the Government of the Cape of Good Hope to publish the following:—

NOTICE.

WHEREAS a mail bag, in which were post letters, containing diamonds, and possibly other kinds of property, was stolen from the Post Office at De Beer's New Rush, Griqualand West, South Africa, by one John William Harding, on the 9th of May, 1872, and whereas some of the contents of the said letters have been recovered, and are in my possession, together with certain moneys representing other portions of the contents of the said letters,—Notice is hereby given, that all persons having any claim to or interest in any of the diamonds or other property contained in the said lost letters, are called upon to send in their claims to me, at Cape Town, as soon as possible, and not later than the 31st day of March, 1873.

Persons making claims are requested to give full particulars, and more especially to state the nature and value of the property claimed; the name of the sender of the letter containing it, whether the letter was registered or not, the name