

State, has appointed William Galloway, Esq., to be an Inspector of Coal and certain other Mines, under "The Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1872" (35 and 36 Vict., ch. 76).

*Whitehall, February 27, 1873.*

The Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has appointed Thomas Bell, Esq., to be an Inspector of Coal and certain other Mines, under "The Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1872" (35 and 36 Vict., ch. 76).

*Whitehall, February 28, 1873.*

The Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has appointed Gerard Henry Liddell, Esq., to be an Inspector of Coal and certain other Mines, under "The Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1872" (35 and 36 Vict., ch. 76).

*Westminster, March 13, 1873.*

THIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to two Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither; the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

An Act for legalizing certain Marriages solemnized in Cove Chapel, in Pitt Portion, in the parish of Tiverton, Devon.

An Act to make special provisions in relation to the Constitution of certain Polling Districts at Parliamentary Elections in Ireland.

*Education Department, Whitehall,  
March 10, 1873.*

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued orders this day for the formation of School Boards in the under-mentioned United School Districts:—

Clayton and Keymer (comprising the parishes of Clayton and Keymer) ... ..	Sussex
Cowbridge (comprising the parishes of Cowbridge, Llanblethian, Ystradowen, and Welsh St. Donats) ... ..	Glamorgan
Llanearvan (comprising the parishes of Llanearvan and Llanvithin) ... ..	Glamorgan

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*Marine Department, Board of Trade,  
Whitehall Gardens, March 12, 1873.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Rio de Janeiro, inclosing the following translation of an

Imperial Decree respecting the navigation and trade of the Madeira and Amazon rivers by foreign vessels:—

(Translation.)

DECREE 5204, of 25th January, 1873,

Permits the Merchant Vessels of all Nations to ascend the River Madeira as far as the Port of Santo Antonio, establishes in that place a Revenue Department, and in the Port of Serpa a Custom-house.

Taking into consideration the expediency of facilitating the commerce with the Republic of Bolivia by means of the River Madeira, and keeping in view what is determined in Decree No. 3749 of 9th December, 1866, as well as in Articles 17, 20, and 349 of the Regulation, No. 2647, of 19th September, 1860, I willingly decree the following:—

Art. 1st. The navigation of the River Madeira, in the province of Amazonas, is permitted to all nations as far as the Port of Santo Antonio on the right bank of the said river, the determinations in all that may be applicable thereto, in the regulation annexed to the Decree, No. 3920, of 31st July, 1867, being observed.

Art. 2nd. There shall be in the said port a revenue department of the first class, qualified for the importation of goods coming from the Republic of Bolivia, as well as for the exportation of national produce, and for clearing goods on their passage through, or merchandize accompanied with a permit, conveyed in vessels.

Art. 3rd. It is likewise permitted foreign vessels to carry from that to other ports in the rivers of the Province of Amazonas, or that of Para, and *vice versa*, merchandize the produce of any country, in cases provided for in Art. 15 of the regulation above cited.

Art. 4th. A Custom-house of the 5th class shall be established in the town of Serpa, Province of Amazonas, with the same functions as those pertaining to the other Customs of the Empire, the determinations of the regulation of which the antecedent Article treats being observed. Its staff and their salaries shall be the same as that of the Customs of Penedo, in the Province of Alagoas.

Art. 5th. When the vessels with cargoes destined for the frontier of Peru or of Bolivia cannot advance beyond Serpa, by reason of their great draught of water, they may there, with the assistance of the fiscal authorities of the Customs, tranship the said goods to smaller craft.

Art. 6th. All dispositions to the contrary are revoked.

Palace of Rio de Janeiro, 25th January, 1873, 52nd year of the Independence and of the Empire.

With the Sign Manual of His Majesty the Emperor,

VISCONDE DO RIO BRANCO.

*Admiralty, March 14, 1873.*

NAVAL KNIGHTS OF WINDSOR.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do hereby give notice to such Lieutenants in Her Majesty's Navy, and to such Lieutenants of the Royal Navy retired with the rank of Commander as are desirous of being recommended for the appointment of Naval Knight of Windsor, under the will of the late Samuel Travers, Esq., that they must apply at this office, either personally or by letter, on or before the 30th day of April next, when they will be informed of the nature of the certificates and testimonials which are required to