

otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect :

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be registered in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

*Crown Office, February 26, 1876.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

*Borough of East Retford.*

William Beckett Denison, of Meanwood Park, Yorkshire, Banker, in the place of Viscount Galway, deceased.

(H. 1671.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
Whitehall Gardens, February 28, 1876.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople, announcing the re-appearance of plague in Mesopotamia, and the establishment of a sanitary cordon.

(S. & C. 213.)

*Board of Trade, 1, Whitehall,  
February 28, 1876.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Calais, reporting that an additional tax of 45 centimes per registered ton is now levied on all merchandize vessels entering the port of Calais, thus raising the total tonnage dues to 95 centimes per registered ton. The additional tax, which took effect from the 1st January last, is levied in consequence of new works about to be undertaken with a view of enlarging and improving Calais Harbour.

(S. & C. 258.)

*Board of Trade, 1, Whitehall,  
February 28, 1876.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin, reporting that an Imperial Decree has recently been issued removing the restrictions hitherto imposed on the export of horses from Germany to foreign countries.

*Admiralty, 26th February, 1876.*

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 26th June, 1867—

Retired Navigating Lieutenant George Patterson has been allowed to assume the rank and title of Staff Commander from the 16th August, 1875.

*Admiralty, 28th February, 1876.*

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870—

Lieutenant Arthur Shirley Hamilton has been placed on the Retired List of his rank from the 25th instant.

*India Office, 26th February, 1876.*

HER Majesty has been pleased to approve of the transfer to the Half-Pay List of the Staff Corps of the undermentioned Officers :—

**BENGAL STAFF CORPS.**

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Brougham Chalmers.

Dated 1st January, 1876.

Major William George Murray. Dated 14th February, 1876.

Captain John Henry Baldwin. Dated 17th March, 1876.

**EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875 (38 Vic., c. 17).**

WHEREAS by Section 68 of the above-named Act, it is provided as follows :—

“The Council of any Borough which is assessed to the county rate of any county by the Justices of such county, and the Commissioners of any Improvement District, may, by order of a Secretary of State made upon the application of such Council or Commissioners, and published in the London Gazette, be declared to be a Local Authority for the purposes of this Act, and thereupon shall become a Local Authority accordingly for such part of their borough or district as is not included in any harbour, to the exclusion of the Justices in Petty Sessions :”

And whereas an application has been made to me by the Town Council of Haverfordwest to be declared a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act, in accordance with the provision aforesaid.

Now I, the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby, in virtue of the powers contained in the said section, declare the said Town Council of Haverfordwest to be a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act.

*Richard Assheton Cross.*

Whitehall, February 26, 1876.

**NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.**

*Department of the Accountant-General  
of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy  
Pay, Admiralty, February 24, 1876.*

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of the tonnage bounty and proceeds awarded for the slave dhow “Panga,” captured on the 24th January, 1875, by Her Majesty's ship “London,” will commence on Tuesday, the 7th proximo, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the “Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, New-street, Spring-gardens, S.W.”

Agents and other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments, or other instruments, by virtue of which they may be legally entitled to claim the share of any captor serving in the above-named ship, are requested to present the same at this office.

Any Officer, Seaman, Marine, or other person, who may desire to receive his share from the Collector of Customs or of Inland Revenue within the United Kingdom, is required to intimate the same by letter to be addressed “On Prize Business, to the Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, London, S.W.” (enclosing his certificate of service, or an attested copy thereof, excepting in the case of