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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 17, 1876.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 27th of May next.

Foreign Office, May 10, 1875.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Hugh Gough, now Attaché to Her Majesty's Legation at Rio de Janeiro, to be a Third Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

Whitehall, March 20, 1876.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Marlborough Crosse, B.A., to the Vicarage of Terrington St. Clement's in the county of Norfolk, and diocese of Norwich; void by the cession of the Reverend William Hinton Drake.

Westminster, March 17, 1876.

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 several 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 to extend the time for the Epping Forest Commissioners to make their Final Report.

An Act to render valid marriages heretofore solemnised in the Chapel of Ease of Saint James, in the parish of Buxton, in the county of Derby.

An Act to confirm two Provisional Orders made under "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863," and the Acts amending the same.

Whitehall, March 10, 1876.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto George Thomas John Bucknall-Estcourt, of Newnton House, in the parish of Newnton, in the county of Gloucester, and of Darrington Hall, in the parish of Darrington, in the West Riding of the county of York, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace for the counties of Gloucester and Wilts, and one of the Knights of the Shire for the Northern Division of the said county of Wilts, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will and testament of his paternal uncle, the Right Honourable Thomas Henry Sutton Sotheron-Estcourt, of Estcourt, in the said county of Gloucester, deceased, discontinue to use the surname of Bucknall, and take and henceforth use the surname of Sotheron, in addition to and before that of Estcourt, and bear the arms of Sotheron quarterly with those of Estcourt, Estcourt in the first quarter; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, 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 recorded in Her Majesty's said College of Arms.

(H. 2221.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, March 18, 1876.*

THE Board of Trade have received information through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the effect that from the 1st May next, the Chamber of Commerce at Rouen will be authorised to collect the following dues at that port, viz. :—

On all sailing vessels and steamers coming from long voyages or foreign countries, 55 centimes per ton register, on entry.

On all sailing vessels or steamers of any country belonging to a periodic service and entering the port only to touch for the purpose of landing or shipping part of their cargo, one half of the toll only, viz. :—27½ centimes per ton register.

The following are to be exempt from the toll :—

- o French vessels engaged in the French coasting or river navigation.
- o Vessels of all countries which having come in in ballast go out in ballast.
- o French naval stores.