

trustees of the harbours of Peterhead; and for other purposes.

An Act for granting further powers to the Commissioners acting in execution of the Act relating to Scarborough Harbour; to alter the rates leviable under that Act; and for other purposes.

An Act for dissolving the Sevenoaks Gas Company Limited, for re-incorporating the proprietors therein with others, and for conferring on the Company so to be incorporated powers to supply gas to the parish of Sevenoaks and certain neighbouring parishes and places in the county of Kent; and for other purposes.

An Act to extend the time for making the Waterford and Wexford Railway; and for other purposes in relation thereto.

An Act to provide for the uniting the parish of Saint Werburgh, in the city of Bristol, to the adjoining parish of All Saints, and for the removing the parish church of Saint Werburgh and the re-erecting the same in a new parish to be formed in the said city; and for other purposes.

An Act for extending the municipal and police boundaries of the burgh of Kirkcaldy; for empowering the Corporation to purchase the undertaking of the Kirkcaldy Gas Light Company, and to supply gas; for extending the compulsory limits of water supply; and for other purposes.

An Act for conferring additional powers on the London and North Western Railway Company, in relation to their own undertaking and the undertakings of other Companies; and for other purposes.

An Act for authorizing the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company to make new branch railways and other works, for conferring upon them additional powers; and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Romford Canal Company to raise additional capital.

An Act to authorize the Tunbridge Wells Gas Company to acquire a new site for the erection of gas works, and to confer further powers upon that Company; and for other purposes.

An Act to authorize an extension of time to the Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Junction Railway Company for purchasing land and completing their railway; and for other purposes.

An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Waterworks, and to authorize the construction of new works; and for other purposes.

An Act for enabling the Corporation of the borough of Lancaster to extend their waterworks and to make street improvements; and for other purposes.

An Act for incorporating the South Hants Waterworks Company; and for other purposes.

An Act to confirm agreements between the Swansea Harbour Trustees and the Corporation of Swansea, the Great Western and the Midland Railway Companies, for the leasing to that Corporation and to those Companies of wharves and other accommodation at the docks authorized to be constructed by the Swansea Harbour Act, 1874; and for other purposes.

An Act for making a railway from Halesworth to Southwold, with branches therefrom, all in the county of Suffolk.

An Act for dissolving the Blackrod Gas Company Limited, for re-incorporating the proprietors therein with others, and for conferring powers on the Company so to be incorporated to supply gas to the township of Blackrod, and certain neighbouring townships and places in the county of Lancaster; and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Oldbury Local Board of Health to purchase from the Corporation of Birmingham so much of the gas undertaking belonging to them as is situate in the district of Oldbury, in the county of Worcester, and to light with gas the said district; and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company to construct additional works and raise additional capital; and for other purposes.

An Act for making railways in the counties of Donegal, Leitrim, and Sligo, to be called the Enniskillen and Bundoran Extension and Branch Railways; and for other purposes.

An Act to grant further powers to the Great Northern Railway Company with relation to their undertaking.

An Act for the amalgamation of the Cardiff and Ogmore Valley Railway Company with the Llynvi and Ogmore Railway Company; and for other purposes.

An Act for extending the boundaries of the borough of Stafford, in the county of Stafford, and for empowering the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough to construct waterworks, and to acquire the undertaking of the Stafford Gas Company, and to execute other improvements; and for other purposes.

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*Board of Trade, (Marine Department),  
Whitehall Gardens, July 21, 1876.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Lieutenant-Colonel Siborne, the British Commissioner on the Danube, containing the following information:—

“The European Commission of the Danube having on the 9th of May, 1876, officially adopted the Danubian system of tonnage measurement recommended by the International Commission of Constantinople of 1873, and put in practice for the passage of the Suez Canal, which decision is to take effect from the 1st of October, 1876, it is strongly recommended that English vessels trading to the Danube should be provided with ‘Suez Canal Special Tonnage Certificates,’ in order to avoid the delays to which they may be subjected by re-measurement at Sulina.

“This regulation does not, however, affect that of the 10th November, 1875, which prescribes that in case measurement has not been claimed by the captain of the vessel, nor enjoined by the Navigation Cash Office, vessels not provided with the above-mentioned certificates shall pay an additional tax of 11 per cent.”

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*Admiralty, 21st July, 1876.*

Staff Commander William Henry Drysdale, who has been placed on the Retired List from the 30th ultimo, as notified in the Gazette of the 8th instant, has been allowed to assume the rank and title of Retired Commander from the date of his retirement.

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*Admiralty, 22nd July, 1876.*

Navigating Lieutenant James Roberts Osborn has been promoted to the rank of Staff Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of the 21st instant.