

In the Matter of Letters Patent granted to William Robert Lake, of the "International Patent Office," No. 8, Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane, in the county of Middlesex, Consulting Engineer, for an invention of "improvements in puddling and other furnaces employed in the manufacture of wrought iron and steel."—A communication to him from abroad by Samuel Danks, of Cincinnati, Ohio, United States of America, bearing date the 6th day of February, A.D. 1869, and numbered 370.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the said Samuel Danks, late of Cincinnati afore-said, but now of No. 11, New Ormond-street, Queen's-square, in the county of Middlesex, the Assignee of the said Letters Patent, has applied by petition to the Commissioners of Patents for inventions for leave to file in the Great Seal Patent Office, with the specification of the said Letters Patent, a Disclaimer and Memorandum of Alteration of certain parts of the said specification; and any person intending to oppose such application must give notice thereof at the office of the Solicitor-General, No. 2, Hare-court, Temple, within ten days from the date hereof.—Dated this 8th day of August, 1876.

Deane, Chubb, and Co, 14, South-square, Gray's-inn, London; Agents for
E. F. Mason, Birmingham, Solicitor for the Applicant.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867; and in the Matter of the Life Assurance Companies Acts, 1870 and 1872; and in the Matter of the National Funds Assurance Company Limited.

BY an Order made by the Master of the Rolls in the above matters, dated the 29th day of July, 1876, on the petition of George Wrisbridge, of 2, Fountain-court, in the city of London, Merchant, policy holder of the above-named Company, it was ordered that the said National Funds Assurance Company Limited be wound up by the High Court of Justice, under the provisions of the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867,

and of the Life Assurance Companies Acts, 1870 and 1872.—Dated this 7th day of August, 1876.

Edward Beall, 2, Queen's-buildings, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., Solicitor for the Petitioner.

In the High Court of Justice.—Chancery Division.
Vice Chancellor Bacon.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867, and in the Matter of the Gessle Gas Company Limited.

BY an Order made by the Vice-Chancellor Sir James Bacon, in the above matter, dated the 29th day of July, 1876, on the petition of Stephenson, Clarke, and Company, of 4, Saint Dunstan's-alley, in the city of London, creditors of the above-named Company, it was ordered that the said Gessle Gas Company Limited be wound up by the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, under the provisions of the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867.—Dated this 7th day of August, 1876.

Wilkins and Bluth, 10, St. Swithin's-lane, London, Solicitors for the said Petitioners.

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 3rd August, 1876.

	Imports.		Exports.	
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
American	30,815	3,134	...	...
Brazilian	9,640	...	...	...
East Indian	24,594	5,579	...	...
Egyptian	414	463	...	...
Miscellaneous	1,634	232	...	...
Total	67,097	9,408		

Dated 4th August, 1876.

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

COTTON STATISTICS' ACT, 1868.

RETURN showing the number of BALES of COTTON Imported, Exported, forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns, and returned to Ports, during the Month and seven Months ended 31st July, 1876.

DESCRIPTION.	IMPORTS.		EXPORTS.		Forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns.		Forwarded from Inland Towns to Ports.	
	In the month of July.	In the 7 months ended 31st July.	In the month of July.	In the 7 months ended 31st July.	In the month of July.	In the 7 months ended 31st July.	In the month of July.	In the 7 months ended 31st July.
American	103,791	1,499,185	11,829	62,993	142,078	1,137,087	660	4,074
Brazilian... ..	22,637	201,347	...	11,924	11,618	90,044	...	...
East Indian	59,838	416,432	25,329	221,622	29,013	230,279	15	129
Egyptian	2,126	182,116	1,684	5,161	14,835	142,875	...	99
Miscellaneous... ..	6,544	39,845	1,140	7,113	1,123	10,418	...	17
Total... ..	194,939	2,338,925	39,982	308,813	198,667	1,610,703	675	4,319

Dated the 5th day of August, 1876.

ROBERT GIFFEN,
Statistical and Commercial Department, Board of Trade.