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FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1878.

Whitehall, June 28, 1878.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint the Most Noble Harry George, Duke of Cleveland, K.G.; the Right Honourable William Reginald, Earl of Devon; George Henry Cavendish, Esq. (commonly called Lord George Henry Cavendish); the Right Honourable William, Viscount Midleton; the Right Reverend Father in God William Connor, Bishop of Peterborough; the Right Reverend Father in God James Russell, Bishop of Ely; the Right Honourable Sir William Milbourne James, Knt., one of the Ordinary Judges of Her Majesty's Court of Appeal; Sir William Henry Stephenson, K.C.B.; the Venerable Edwin Palmer, Clerk, M.A., Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Oxford; George Cubitt, Esq.; the Reverend George Venables; and Francis Henry Jeune, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Her Majesty's Commissioners to enquire into the Law and existing practice as to the sale, exchange, and resignation of Ecclesiastical Benefices, and to recommend remedies for abuses if any are found to exist.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Edward Stanley Hope, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Secretary to the Commission.

Foreign Office, June 10, 1878.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint William George Lennon-Hunt, Esq., now Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Madrid, to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Province of Angola and its Dependencies with the Islands of San Thomé and Príncipe, and also to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Districts comprised between the Northern limits of the Province of Angola and Cape Saint John, including the River Congo, to reside at Loanda.

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*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, June 27, 1878.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a recent French law authorizing the making of a deep water harbour at Boulogne. The substance of this law is as follows:

The proposed works are to be undertaken at the public expense. The estimated cost is 17,000,000 francs, towards which the Chamber

of Commerce at Boulogne is to contribute annually the sum of 100,000 francs for fifteen years.

From the 1st of July, 1878, a due of 45 centimes per ton will be leviable at the Port of Boulogne on all French or foreign ships entering the port with the exception of vessels belonging to or employed by the State vessels engaged in fishing, towing, or pilotage, coasters between French Ports, and yachts or pleasure boats of any nation.

This due will be reduced to 10 centimes per ton for vessels engaged in carrying passengers. Such vessels will enjoy this reduction, although they may have merchandise on board, if the same does not occupy more than one-tenth of the tonnage space.

The collection of these dues is assigned to the Chamber of Commerce, with a view of repaying the contribution which it is engaged to furnish to the State, and will cease upon the completion of the engagements of the Chamber.

Admiralty, 26th June, 1878.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, and 30th April, 1877—

Chief Engineer John Robson has this day been placed on the Retired List of his rank.

Admiralty, 27th June, 1878.

The following promotions have been this day made:—

Sub-Lieutenants:

Reginald Purves Cochran,

Lionel Aubrey Walter Barnes-Lawrence,
to be Lieutenants in Her Majesty's Fleet.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
28th June, 1878.*

Royal Horse Guards, Lieutenant the Honourable Lionel Francis George Byng, from the 2nd Middlesex Militia, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant the Honourable W. T. Wentworth Fitz William, retired. Dated 29th June, 1878.

3rd Dragoon Guards, Second Lieutenant Henry Cholmeley Gribble, from the 1st Dragoon Guards, to be Second Lieutenant, vice R. Wolfe, transferred to the 2nd Dragoons. Dated 29th June, 1878.