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*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,  
July 30, 1885.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Peking, stating that Proclamations have recently been issued by the Chinese authorities of the Ningpo district, in virtue of which the Le-kin duties hitherto levied on silk and tea have been raised as follows:—

(1.) "The war tax on each bale of silk of 80 catties (106½ lbs.) will be raised from two dollars forty cents. (about 8s. 10d.) to the former rate of four dollars (about 14s. 8d.).

(2.) "The tax on each picul of tea (133½ lbs.) produced will be levied at one tael four mace (about 7s. 8d.), instead of one tael (5s. 6d.) as heretofore."

*Admiralty, 28th July, 1885.*

THE Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have appointed the Most Honourable the Marquis of Anglesey to be Vice-Admiral of North Wales and the county of Carmarthen. The appointment to date from the 17th July, 1885.

*Royal Marine Light Infantry.*

Captain and Brevet Major Adolphus Edward Sparshott to be Major, vice Farquharson, promoted. Dated 4th June, 1885.

Captain and Brevet Major John Anderson Rae McKechnie to be Major, vice Phillips, promoted. Dated 21st June, 1885.

Lieutenant Percy Owen Lang to be Captain, vice Sparshott, promoted. Dated 4th June, 1885.

Lieutenant Charles Wellesley Parish to be Captain, vice McKechnie, promoted. Dated 21st June, 1885.

*War Office, Pall Mall,  
31st July, 1885.*

*Royal Artillery,* The date of the retirement on retired pay of Major Henry Walter John Hubback has been altered to 22nd July, 1885.

The undermentioned Captains to be Majors:—  
Nugent Jonathan Nugent, vice J. F. Meiklejohn (late Bengal), retired. Dated 3rd July, 1885.

Philip William Hubert Miles, upon the Seconded List. Dated 22nd July, 1885.

Ranulph Allsopp, vice H. W. J. Hubback, retired. Dated 22nd July, 1885.

The undermentioned Officers to be Captains:—

Captain Arthur Cairnes Daniell, from Supernumerary to the Establishment, vice N. J. Nugent, promoted. Dated 3rd July, 1885.

Captain and Brevet Major Charles Sim Bremridge Parsons, from Supernumerary to the Establishment, vice C. H. Crofton, placed upon temporary half-pay. Dated 15th July, 1885.

Captain William Christian Anderson, from Supernumerary to the Establishment, vice E. C. Wace, seconded for service with the Punjab Frontier Force. Dated 18th July, 1885.

Captain John James Swinton, from Supernumerary to the Establishment, vice H. C. L. Holden, seconded for service in the Department of the Director of Artillery and Stores. Dated 20th July, 1885.

Captain Alexander Nelson Rochfort, from Supernumerary to the Establishment, vice R. Allsopp, promoted. Dated 22nd July, 1885.

REGIMENTAL DISTRICTS.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel John McD. Allardice, from half-pay, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, to command the 15th Regimental District (the East Yorkshire Regiment), vice Colonel the Honourable Henry Parnell, C.B., who has retired on half-pay. Dated 15th July, 1885.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel John Gore Campbell, from half-pay, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, to command the 24th Regimental District (the South Wales Borderers), vice Colonel Robert M. Rogers, V.C., who has vacated that appointment. Dated 27th July, 1885.

*Staff,* Major Douglas F. Jones, Royal Artillery, from Garrison Instructor, to be Deputy-Assistant Director of Military Education, vice Major A. M. Delavoye, the Essex Regiment, appointed Assistant Director of Military Education. Dated 16th July, 1885.

To be Aides-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-General and General-Governor of Ireland:—

Major Frederick T. R. Hamilton, the Norfolk Regiment. Dated 7th July, 1885.

Major George D. King-Harman, the Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Dated 7th July, 1885.

Captain the Honourable Alfred J. G. Byng, 7th Hussars. Dated 7th July, 1885.

Captain John F. G. Ross, of Bladensburg, Coldstream Guards. Dated 16th July, 1885.

To be Extra Aides-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-General and General-Governor of Ireland:—

Captain the Honourable Henry A. O. Gore, 11th Hussars. Dated 7th July, 1885.

Lieutenant the Honourable Thomas Asburnham, 7th Hussars. Dated 7th July, 1885.

*Half-Pay,* Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel Arthur Harness, C.B., from the Royal Artillery, to be Colonel. Dated 12th May, 1885.

MEMORANDUM.

*For,* The retirement of Lieutenant-General the Honourable David Macdowall Fraser, C.B., Royal Artillery, which appeared in the Gazette of 10th July, 1885,

*Read,* Lieutenant-General the Honourable David Macdowall Fraser, C.B., Royal Artillery, has been placed on the Retired List, under the provisions of Article 107, Royal Warrant of 16th June, 1884, with the honorary rank of General. Dated 1st July, 1885.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex.*

William James Farrer, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 9th July, 1885.

Herbert Coulstoun Gardner, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 9th July, 1885.

THE FAIRS ACT, 1873.

DUDLEY AUGUST FAIR.

WHEREAS a representation has been duly made to me as Secretary of State for the Home Department by the Council of the borough of Dudley, as owners, that a Fair has been annually held on the first Monday in August, in the said borough, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the day for the holding of the said Fair should be altered, and that instead of being held as aforesaid, such Fair should in future be held on the second Monday in August in each year: