

Dumfries of the one part, and the Provost, Bailies, and other members of the Town Council being the Local Authority of the burgh of Sanquhar of the other part, whereby the jurisdiction, for the purposes of The Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, of the whole of the district of the burgh of Sanquhar, was, as from and after the 30th day of June, 1887, transferred to the district of the county of Dumfries.

Agricultural Department, Privy Council Office,  
28th July, 1887.

*Whitehall, July 28, 1887.*

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland granting the dignity of a Knight of the said United Kingdom unto the undermentioned Gentlemen, namely:—

James Wright, Esq., Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, late Engineer-in-Chief to the Admiralty.

William Christopher Leng, of Sheffield, in the West Riding of the county of York.

*Whitehall, July 28, 1887.*

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, dated 26th instant, to place the name of Samuel Montagu, Esq. (in lieu of that of Lionel Louis Cohen, Esq., deceased), upon the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the recent changes in the Relative Values of the Precious Metals.

*Whitehall, July 26, 1887.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to grant unto John Carbery Pugh Vaughan-Pryse, of Llwyn-y-Brain, in the county of Carmarthen, and of Bwlchbychan, in the county of Cardigan, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace and a Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Cardigan, 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 maternal uncle, George Watkin Watkins (otherwise George Watkin Rice-Watkins) late of Llwyn-y-Brain aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, take, use, and bear the surname of Rice in addition to and before those of Vaughan-Pryse, and that he and they may bear the arms of Rice quarterly with those of Pryse; 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.

*Board of Trade (Marine Department),  
Whitehall Gardens, July 27, 1887.*

HER Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the "Albert Medal of the First Class" upon—

THOMAS AVERETT WHISTLER, First Mate of the ship "Ennerdale," of Liverpool, instead of the "Albert Medal of the Second Class," the grant of which to Mr. WHISTLER Her Majesty had already approved.

The following is an account of the services in respect of which the decoration has been conferred:—

On the 17th of December, 1885, soon after

5.30 A.M., as the "Ennerdale" was rounding Cape Horn, an apprentice, named Duncan McCallum, fell from aloft into the sea, striking the rigging in his fall. Immediately, H. S. Pochin, an A.B., leapt overboard after McCallum, but the latter sank before Pochin could reach him. Pochin, afraid of being seized with cramp before a boat could come to his assistance, hailed the ship, asking for a lifebuoy to be thrown to him, and at the same moment the Master called all hands to man a boat. The First Mate, Mr. THOMAS AVERETT WHISTLER, 24 years old, who had been asleep in his berth, ran on deck and heard Pochin's hail. Calling to the boatswain to heave him a lifebuoy, he at once sprang overboard, secured the lifebuoy which was thrown to him, and succeeded in reaching Pochin. The latter was already on the point of sinking, but, with the help of the lifebuoy, WHISTLER was able to keep him up. The water was bitterly cold, and a huge albatross hovered round the two men preparing to attack them.

Meanwhile, considerable delay had occurred in the despatch of the boat, her lashings had been secured extra firmly for the passage round Cape Horn, and when at last launched, so many men crowded into her that she capsized. When righted and re-launched she finally succeeded in reaching and rescuing WHISTLER and Pochin, who were now entirely exhausted after an exposure of some 40 minutes in the water. The albatross had to be driven off with a boat hook.

Directly they were lifted into the boat both men became insensible, and WHISTLER was delirious for some time afterwards.

About a year later Mr. WHISTLER again attempted to save life under the following circumstances:—

On the 13th December, 1886, while the "Ennerdale" was in Sydney Harbour, an apprentice named James F. Beattie was taking the Captain's gig from the starboard to the port side of the vessel, when the boat sheered off, and he was thrown into the water.

Mr. WHISTLER immediately dived, fully dressed, from the poop, but reached the water too close to the boy, who caught him from behind, put his arms around his waist, and locked his legs in his. They both sank, and whilst under water, Mr. WHISTLER cleared himself from Beattie's grasp, caught him by the shoulder and struck out for a lifebuoy which had been thrown overboard. Before it could be reached, both sank a second time, and WHISTLER, who was by this time thoroughly exhausted, was obliged to let go his hold of the boy, who never rose alive again to the surface, and whose body was afterwards found floating in another part of the harbour.

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*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, July 26, 1887.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the following extract from a Despatch, dated 23rd instant, from Her Majesty's Representative at Copenhagen, respecting certain quarantine regulations in Denmark:—

Under date of the 18th instant, the Minister of Justice has issued a notice imposing quarantine on all arrivals from ports in Sicily, from all continental Italian ports situated between Cape St. Maria di Leuca and Cape Spartivento, and beyond, as well as on all ships which have communicated with others coming from those ports, in conformity with the dispositions of the law