

The Commissions as Major-Generals, with temporary rank, of the undermentioned Officers have been antedated to the 24th July, 1856 :

Brevet-Colonel William Freke Williams.
 Brevet-Colonel Robert Garrett.
 Brevet-Colonel Charles Warren, C.B.
 Brevet-Colonel Lord William Paulet, C.B.
 Brevet-Colonel Duncan Alexander Cameron, C.B.
 Brevet-Colonel Charles Van Staubenzee.
 Brevet-Colonel Honourable A. A. Spencer, C.B.
 Brevet-Colonel John Lawrenson
 Brevet-Colonel William Parlbv.
 Brevet-Colonel Frederick Horn, C.B.
 Brevet-Colonel A. A. T. Cunynghame, C.B.
 Brevet-Colonel Charles Trollope, C.B.
 Brevet-Colonel A. J. Lawrence, C.B.
 Brevet-Colonel Horatio Shirley, C.B.
 Brevet-Colonel Randal Rumley.
 Brevet-Colonel Charles R. S. Lord West, C.B.

The undermentioned promotion to take place in the East India Company's Army, consequent upon the death of Major-General Stephen Moody, Bengal Infantry, on 28th November, 1856:

To be Major-General.

Colonel Henry Hancock, Bombay Infantry.
 Dated 28th November, 1856.

The undermentioned Officers of the East India Company's Army, retired upon full-pay, to have a step of honorary rank:

Lieutenant-Colonel George Stephens Brown, Bombay Infantry, to be Colonel. Dated 5th December, 1856.

Lieutenant-Colonel John James Hamilton, Bengal Infantry, to be Colonel. Dated 19th December, 1856.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Gloucester, and of the City and County of the City of Bristol.

Royal South Gloucester Light Infantry Regiment of Militia.

Charles Austin Gibson, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Compigne, deceased. Dated 13th December, 1856.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," it was enacted (amongst other things) that printed newspapers might be sent free of postage, or liable to postage according to certain regulations and rates in the said Act set forth. And it was by the said Act provided that the Postmaster-General might remit any of the rates of British postage or inland postage, for the time being, payable by law on the transmission of post letters, newspapers, or other printed papers, to such extent as the Lords of the Treasury should from time to time direct.

And whereas by another Act of Parliament, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post-office," it was (amongst other things) enacted that it should be lawful for the Postmaster-

General, if he should think fit, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to allow any printed words, writing, or marks, in addition to the direction, to be put on any printed newspapers or other printed papers sent by the post, or on the covers thereof, and any such newspapers or other printed papers should from thenceforth be forwarded, either free of postage or subject to such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury should from time to time direct.

And whereas by another Act of Parliament, passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications," it was (amongst other things) enacted that it should be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, to allow any printed newspaper (British, colonial, or foreign) to be transmitted by the post between places in the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's colonies or foreign countries, or between any ports or places beyond the sea, whether through the United Kingdom or not, either free of postage or subject to such rates of postage, not exceeding two pence for each newspaper, irrespective of any foreign or colonial postage, as the Commissioners of the Treasury or the Postmaster-General, with their consent, should from time to time think fit.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the several before-recited Acts, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did by a certain Warrant, in writing, under the hands of two of them the said Commissioners, by the authority of the Statute in that case made and provided, bearing date the 30th day of June, 1855, order, direct, and consent that the several printed newspapers, periodical publications, and printed prices current, mentioned in the Schedule to that Warrant annexed, should and might be transmitted by the post between any part of the several places mentioned and set forth in the said Schedule, in conformity with, and under, and subject to, the several orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions thereafter mentioned and contained, either free or that the rates of postage for the transmission thereof should and might be those which were mentioned and set forth against the said places, respectively, in the said Schedule, according as the word "free" or the said rate of postage should be mentioned or set forth against the said places respectively in the said Schedule.

And whereas, in and by the said Schedule, to the said recited Warrant annexed, British newspapers were authorised to be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Prussia, or any foreign country, via Prussia, by packet boat "free," and by private ship at the British rate of postage of one penny each.

And whereas it is expedient to alter the regulation and rate for the transmission, by the post, of the said last-mentioned newspapers, and to authorize the transmission thereof, by the post, at a uniform British rate of postage of one penny each, in manner hereinafter mentioned:—

I Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us, in and by the said several hereinbefore recited Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, by the authority of the statute in that

case made and provided, order, direct, and consent, that so much of the said recited Warrant, bearing date the 30th day of June, 1855, and of the said schedule thereunto annexed, as respectively relate to the transmission by the post of British newspapers from the United Kingdom to Prussia, or any foreign country via Prussia, by packet boat free, and by private ship at the rate of postage of one penny each, shall be, and the same are, and is hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, and that the regulation and rate of postage respectively, by which such last-mentioned newspapers are thereby authorized to be transmitted by packet boat free, and by private ship at the rate of one penny each, shall wholly cease and determine.

2. And we do further order, direct, and consent that all British newspapers shall and may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Prussia, or any foreign country or British colony, via Prussia, at the uniform British rate of postage, for the transmission thereof, of one penny each, and that such uniform British rate of postage hereby imposed shall be charged and taken in lieu and instead of the same, being respectively sent free and at the rate of postage in the said recited Warrant of the 30th day of June, 1855, mentioned. And that all such last-mentioned newspapers shall, in all other respects, be so transmitted by the post, in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions mentioned and contained, in the said recited Warrant of the 30th day of June, 1855, in like manner as if the said several orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions had been and were herein respectively contained, repeated, and set forth.

3. And we do further order, direct, and consent that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January next; and that the several terms and expressions herein used shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as the like terms and expressions used in the said recited Warrant of the 30th day of June, 1855, so far as the same are applicable hereto, and are not altered or repealed by this present Warrant.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the sixteenth day of December, 1856.

Monck.
H. Brand.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a separate building, named the Free Christian Church, situated at the back of Moreton-terrace, and in or near to the Clarence-road, Kentish Town, in the parish of Saint Pancras, in the county of Middlesex, in the district of Saint Pancras, being a building certified according to law as a place of religious worship, was, on the 13th day of December, 1856, duly registered for solemnizing marriages therein, pursuant to the Act of 6th and 7th Wm. IV., cap. 85.

Witness my hand this 18th day of December, 1856.
Joseph Ivimey, Superintendent Registrar,
Saint Pancras.

Sleaford Union.

Independent or Zion Chapel in Sleaford.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a separate building, named Zion Chapel, situate in Jermyn-street, in the parish of New Sleaford, in the Parts of Kesteven, and county of Lincoln, being a building certified according to law as a place of religious worship, was, on the 10th day

of December, 1856, duly registered for solemnizing marriages therein, pursuant to the Act of 6th and 7th Wm. IV., cap. 85.

Witness my hand this 15th day of December, 1856.
Edmund Clements, Superintendent Registrar.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the British Possessions in AMERICA, Computed from the RETURNS made in the Week ending the 16th day of December, 1856,

Is *Thirty-seven Shillings and Three Pence Farthing* per Hundred Weight;

Exclusive of the Duties of Customs paid or payable thereon on the IMPORTATION thereof into GREAT BRITAIN.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the MAURITIUS, Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,

Is *Thirty-six Shillings and Four Pence* per Hundred Weight;

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the EAST INDIES, Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty;

Is *Forty Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings* per Hundred Weight,

The AVERAGE PRICE of the three foregoing Descriptions of SUGAR, jointly,

Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,
Is *Thirty-seven Shillings and Eleven Pence* per Hundred Weight.

By Authority of Parliament,

HENRY BICKNELL,
Clerk of the Grocers' Company.
Grocers'-Hall, December 19, 1856.

Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Office of the Commissioners of Patents for 2933.
Inventions.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the petition of Louis Vignat, of the firm Vignat freres, of No. 3, Place des Victoires, in the city of Paris, Merchants, praying for letters patent for the invention of "a new slide beater with one or more shuttles applicable to any loom whatever for weaving all kinds of tissue," was deposited and recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 11th day of December, 1856, and a complete specification accompanying such petition was at the same time filed in the said Office.

Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions.

NOTICE is hereby given, that provisional protection has been allowed

2518. To John Fordred, of Islington, in the county of Middlesex, Gentleman, for the invention of "improvements in lamps, in apparatuses connected therewith, and in manufacturing certain liquids for the production of light."—Partly a communication.

On his petition, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 27th day of October, 1856.

2772. To William Kemble Hall, Engineer, of the city of London, for the invention of "improvements in machinery for cutting, punching, and shaping metals."