

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

PERNAMBUCO HARBOUR.

*Board of Trade, May 2, 1856.*

A STATEMENT having been made by a witness at the investigation held at Liverpool, in the matter of the ship Mermaid, relative to the depth of water on the bar of the Port of Pernambuco, which appeared to Mr. Cowper, Her Majesty's Consul there, to be injurious to the interests of the port, as giving an incorrect view of its capabilities for the accommodation of shipping, the following report has been obtained from the Chief Pilot there, and is published for the information of mariners.

(Copy.)

(Translation.)

MOST ILLUSTRIOS SIR,

In reply to the questions which your Lordship put to me yesterday, it is my duty to inform you,—

1st.—That at spring tides the bar of the port of this city has 20 feet of water, and the small bar from 16 to 17, over which vessels drawing from 14 to 15 feet of water can enter, those drawing as much as 17 can do so no higher up than the Poco.

2nd.—That as vessels come from the Mosqueira in going out, and have to pass the inner bar near the lighthouse, they can do so, only drawing from 14 to 15 feet, with a favourable wind.

3rd.—Lastly, the great bar of which I first spoke, being in a line with the Recipe, is open to the swell; that within the harbour, which is the greater impediment, is in smooth water.

I may add, although the question was not put to me by your Lordship, that in those anchorages called the Lamerão and Samenheos, vessels of any draft of water can load and unload with facility.

God preserve your Lordship.

Pernambuco, March 12, 1856.

(Signed) JOSE FAUSTINO POSTO,  
Chief Pilot.The Most Illustrious H. Augustus  
Cowper, Consul of England.*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
May 5, 1856.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Stockholm, reporting that the following articles of food will be admitted into Sweden, free of import duty, until the end of the present year :

Grain and meal of all kinds.

Bread of all kinds.

Grits and rice of all kinds.

Maize.

Potatoes and potato meal.

Butter and cheese.

Meat of all kinds.

Animals—Oxen, cows, and young cattle, calves, and swine.

Fish, Salted—Of all kinds, except anchovies, sardines, and thornfish.

Fish, Dry or Smoked—All sorts, except salmon and eels.

Tallow—Oil and fat of all kinds.

Candles—Tallow, stearine, and mazarin.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
May 5, 1856.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Naples, reporting that the Neapolitan Board of Health has established an absolute quarantine of ten days on all vessels arriving from Malta.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Southampton.**Hampshire Regiment of Militia.*

Ensign Edward Charles Forward to be Lieutenant, vice Brown, appointed to the 59th Foot. Dated 28th April, 1856.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Surrey.**1st Regiment of the Royal Surrey Militia.*

Major George Palmer Evelyn to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Campbell, resigned. Dated 19th March, 1856.

*2nd Regiment of the Royal Surrey Militia.**To be Lieutenants.*

Ensign Louis Perre Goodchap, vice Cerjat, promoted. Dated 28th April, 1856.

Ensign James Elyard, vice Sharpe, promoted. Dated 29th April, 1856.

Ensign William Douglas Legge, vice Chaplin, appointed to the Turkish Contingent. Dated 30th April, 1856.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Ross.**Ross, Caithness, Sutherland, and Cromarty Regiment of Rifle Militia*

Ensign William Sinclair Sutherland to be Lieutenant, vice Godfrey Wentworth Davidson, promoted. Dated 5th May, 1856.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Cromarty.**Ross, Caithness, Sutherland, and Cromarty Regiment of Rifle Militia.*

Robert Douglas, Gent., to be Ensign.

**MEMORANDUM.***Aberdeenshire Royal Regiment of Militia.*

The resignation of Ensign William Grant's Commission has been accepted by the Lord Lieutenant, from 18th April, 1856.

**TREASURY WARRANT.**

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage."

And whereas another Act was 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."

And whereas another Act was 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."

And whereas by the said last-mentioned Act, power was given to Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to make and issue such orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions as he should deem to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of regulating the receipt, transmission, and delivery by post of periodical publications under the provisions of that Act.

And whereas George Douglas, Duke of Argyll, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, did, by virtue of the said last-mentioned Act, make and issue certain orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions, bearing date the 24th day of December, 1855, which he deemed to be necessary and expedient for the purpose of regulating the receipt, transmission, and delivery by post, of printed newspapers and certain periodical publications under the provisions of the said last-mentioned Act, and, amongst other things, of colonial newspapers transmitted by the post.

And whereas, it is expedient to make provision for regulating the transmission by the post of the newspapers hereinafter mentioned:

Now, we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury (in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the several before-mentioned 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 the printed colonial newspapers mentioned in the schedule to this Warrant annexed, shall and may be transmitted by the post between the several places mentioned and set forth in the said schedule to this Warrant annexed in conformity with, and under and subject to the several orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions made by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent aforesaid, bearing date the 24th day of December, 1855, so far as the same are applicable thereto, and also to the several further orders and directions hereinafter mentioned and contained, and that the rate of postage for the transmission thereof, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such newspapers shall and may be that which is mentioned and set forth in the said schedule.

And we do further order, direct, and consent, that Her Majesty's Postmaster-General shall and may charge all or any such newspapers sent by the post otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations mentioned or referred to in this present Warrant, with such rates or rate of postage, not exceeding in amount such rates or rate as would be chargeable upon the same as letters, or a letter, as to him shall seem fit.

And we do further order and direct, that on any newspaper transmitted by the post under the regulations of this Warrant, any foreign transit rate payable on any such newspaper for passing through any foreign country shall be charged and paid thereon, in addition to any British postage.

And we do further order and direct, that the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, or in the Schedule hereunto annexed, shall include the conveyance by any British, foreign, or colonial packet-boat, and also the conveyance in part by any such packet-boat and in part by private ship (but not the conveyance entirely by private ship). And that the several other terms and expressions used in this Warrant, or in the schedule hereunto

annexed, shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty hereinbefore recited.

And we do further order and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, duly made at any time hereafter, to alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the further orders and directions of the said Commissioners hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates, orders, and directions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

*The Schedule to which the foregoing Warrant refers.*

British rate of postage chargeable on colonial newspapers transmitted by the post under the foregoing Treasury Warrant.

Between one British colony and another British colony, by the closed mails, via Marseilles, through the United Kingdom, two pence each.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

*Duncan.  
H. Brand.*

*Admiralty-Office, May 1, 1856.*

IN the Matter of an Act of Parliament, passed in the 4th year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, cap. 65, intituled "An Act to enable the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom to acquire certain lands at Woolwich, in the county of Kent, for better securing His Majesty's Docks there, and for the improvement of the same :" We, being two of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, do hereby give notice, that the said Commissioners have determined not further to exercise any of the powers conferred upon them by the 27th section of the said Act ; and that the said Commissioners do not contemplate any further operations in the vicinity of Her Majesty's Dock-yard, at Woolwich, under any of the powers given by the said Act of Parliament.

*Peter Richards.  
Alex. Milne.*

By command of their Lordships,  
*Thos. Phinn.*

**NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.**

*Department of the Accountant-General  
of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset  
House, May 5, 1856.*

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of proceeds arising from the Russian schooner Pallas, captured on the 4th July, 1855, by Her Majesty's ships Driver and Firefly, will commence on Monday the 19th May 1856, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset House."

Agents and other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments, or other in-