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Whitehall 14th April, 1840

ANOTHER body was discovered in a lane leading from Horse Guard's Avenue yesterday evening. The body was that of Mgr K L Lancaster of the Kings Own Royal Horse. This makes the fourth body to be found in the area in the last month. Police remain baffled as to the origin of these attacks but rumours are abound that the killer is a French Assassin, or cadre of such, operating in London. Notably the guard surrounding Horse Guards and the Houses of Parliament have seen a significant increase, so no risks are being taken. Many private citizens have also been seen accompanied by heavily armed coachmen and in some cases the Kings soldiers. All citizens are advised to take all precautions they deem necessary and not to expose themselves to risk unnecessarily. Meanwhile the Metropolitan Police have been keen to reiterate that they are doing all within their powers to catch the killer or killers.

Houses of Parliament 16th April 1840

HIS Royal Majesties Government has recently completed negotiations for the purchase of the 'Valiant' a new class of ironclad steam ship from the western colonies. Speaking on behalf of the Admiralty, Sir Richard Westonlake gave the following statement.

"It is our belief that the vessel recently acquired from our colonies in the west will prove to be resilient enough to not only cross the disputed seas beyond the channel but also penetrate the storms surrounding the new lands originally the destination of the great expedition."

Much of the funding for this ship has been raised by the relatives of those lost in the first expedition through the purchase of bonds and donations to the government. It is this reporters opinion that this combined with the new "Maritime Wreck Survivors Act" of 1838 which states 'Any shipwrecked person desiring passage on any British expeditionary

craft will be subject to impressment into said ships crew', will allow the government to replace many of the depleted crews of the royal navy and its merchant support fleet. The Admiralties recommencement of Impressment is sure to be a contentious issue and rumours abound that Chancellor Gladstone is actively seeking to amend the new act.

Capel Court 14th April 1840

THE price of Napolium on open sale had yesterday reached a record high throughout the markets of Europe. This has resulted in many factories in the north of the country shutting their gates to their workers and a slowdown in military production throughout the whole Empire. Lord Fremantle is quoted as saying 'emergency supplies are being brought in from the West Indies for vital war work. We will endeavour to ensure that our supply routes are maintained to ensure we are insulated against the increase in price on the open market'. The ministry of trade is calling for senior members of the Admiralty to be held accountable for recent losses to the British merchant fleet engaged in the supply lines. Meanwhile the closing of the factories will affect countless workers throughout Yorkshire.

Admiralty 13th April 1840

THIS is to give-notice to all whom it may concern, that Mr. James Toll, of Collins (Benferris), near Tavistock, hath, in pursuance of the Act of the 46 geo. 3, cap. 153, given me notice, dated the 10th instant of his intention to reconstruct a portion, now dilapidated, of a quay belonging to him at Calstock, on the River Tamar, and to fill up a basin made in the original quay a few years ago, for a market boat