

Lord John Russell, when M.P. for South Devon and a member of the cabinet, carried the Reform Bill through parliament, this popular measure receiving the Royal Assent, 7 June, 1832. His popularity was then at its zenith. First Lord of the Treasury (Premier), 1846-1852. He was afterwards appointed foreign secretary, 18 June, 1859, in Palmerston's administration, and held that office till he again became premier in 1865. Retired, 1866. Married twice, his second wife being a daughter of the 2nd Earl of Minto. Created Earl Russell and Viscount Amberley, 30 July, 1861. Died 28 May, 1878. As foreign secretary he maintained a strict neutrality during the American Civil war, and in September, 1862, wished to offer mediation between the north and south; but he failed to stop the sailing of the *Alabama*, whose depredations subsequently cost Great Britain upwards of £3,000,000. A nephew of the subject of this note, Alexander Gordon Russell, late captain Rifle Brigade, married 22 October, 1885, Ella Maude, daughter of Admiral Sir John E. Commerell, V.C. Named by Captain Richards, circa 1862. (Dict. Nat. Biog., XLIX., pp. 454-463. Burke, 1905, p. 1390.)

See Cape Palmerston; and Cape Commerell.