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FOREIGN OFFICE, December 1, 1888.

Salisbury, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has to-day received a Telegram from Colonel Euan Smith, Her Majesty's Agent and Consul-General in Zanzibar, stating that a Proclamation of Blockade of the continuous line of Continental Coast of the Sultan of Zanzibar, including the Islands of Mafia and Lamu, and the lesser Islands adjoining the Coast, from 2° 10′ South Latitude to 10° 28′ South Latitude, had been issued on the 29th of November, the Blockade to commence at noon on the 2nd of December.

DOWNING STREET, December 1, 1888.

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Sierra Leone, and providing for the Government thereof.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of the Gambia, and providing for the Government thereof.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint James Shaw Hay, Esq., C.M.G., now administering the Government of the West Africa Settlements, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Sierra Leone.

Her Majesty has further been pleased to appoint Gilbert Thomas Carter, Esq., now administering the Government of Her Majesty's Settlement on the Gambia, to be Administrator of the Colony of the Gambia.

WHITEHALL, December 3, 1888.

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 for presenting the Reverend Joshua Ingham Brooke, M.A., to the Vicarage of the Parish Church of Halifax, in the West Riding of the County of York, and Diocese of Ripon, void by the promotion of Doctor Francis Pigou to the Deanery of Chichester.

WHITEHALL, December 3, 1888.

The Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint James Monro, Esq., C.B., to be Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, in the room of Colonel Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., resigned.

WHITEHALL, December 3, 1888.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Frederick Peel, K.C.M.G., and William Philip Price, Esq., to be Commissioners under 'The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888.'