

4. Spanish merchant vessels, in any ports or places within the United States, shall be allowed till May 21, 1898, inclusive, for loading their cargoes and departing from such ports or places; and such Spanish merchant vessels, if met at sea by any United States ship, shall be permitted to continue their voyage, if, on examination of their papers, it shall appear that their cargoes were taken on board before the expiration of the above term; Provided, that nothing herein contained shall apply to Spanish vessels having on board any officer in the military or naval service of the enemy, or any coal (except such as may be necessary for their voyage), or any other article prohibited or contraband of war, or any despatch of or to the Spanish Government.

5. Any Spanish merchant vessel which, prior to April 21, 1898, shall have sailed from any foreign port bound for any port or place in the United States, shall be permitted to enter such port or place, and to discharge her cargo, and afterward forthwith to depart without molestation; and any such vessel, if met at sea by any United States ship, shall be permitted to continue her voyage to any port not blockaded.

6. The right of search is to be exercised with strict regard for the rights of neutrals, and the voyages of mail steamers are not to be interfered with except on the clearest grounds of suspicion of a violation of law in respect of contraband or blockade.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, on the twenty-sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-second.

(Seal) WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

By the President,  
ALVEY A. ADEE,  
Acting Secretary of State.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, May 9, 1898.

This day had audience of Her Majesty:—  
Señor Don Domingo Gana, to present his Credentials as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Chile.

CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN  
ORDER,

ST. JAMES' PALACE, May 5, 1898.

The Queen has been pleased to make the following appointments to, and promotion in, the Royal Victorian Order:—

*To be Honorary Knights Commanders.*

Prince Danilo Alexander, General in Montenegrin Army, Crown Prince of Montenegro.  
His Serene Highness the Prince Edward Frederick Maximilian John of Leiningen.  
Gustavus Ernest, Count of Erbach-Schoenberg.  
General Paul Gebhart, Governor of Nice.  
Monsieur Gabriel Le Roux, Prefect of the Maritime Alps.

*To be Honorary Commanders.*

Monsieur Honoré Sauvan, Mayor of Nice.  
Monsieur Xavier Paoli, M.V.O.

*To be a Member of the Fourth Class.*

Surgeon Arthur R. Bunkart, M.B., Royal Navy.

*To be Honorary Member of the Fourth Class.*

Monsieur Ernest Gamburt.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER  
OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF  
JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

CHANCERY OF THE ORDER, ST. JOHN'S GATE,  
CLERKENWELL, LONDON, E.C.,

May 9, 1898.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to sanction the following appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—

*Knight of Justice.*

The Right Honourable William, Lord Sandhurst,  
G.C.S.I.

*Chaplain (Honorary).*

The Right Reverend William Stevens Perry,  
Bishop of Iowa.

*Knights of Grace*

Sir Richard Douglas Powell, Bart., M.D.  
William Hamerton Jalland, Esq., F.R.C.S.

*Ladies of Grace.*

Clementina, Lady Lilford.  
Kathleen, Mrs. Upton Prior.  
Henrietta Charlotte, Mrs. Tarleton.  
Alice Harriet, Lady Hunt.

*Esquires.*

Captain John William Nott-Bower.  
Hamilton Gatliff, Esq.

DOWNING STREET, May 7, 1898.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Edward Horne Wittenoom, Esq., who has served for more than three years as a Member of the Executive Council of the Colony of Western Australia.

WHITEHALL, May 9, 1898.

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, nominating the Reverend Charles Henry Turner, M.A., Prebendary of Saint Paul's Cathedral, in the city of London, to be Suffragan Bishop of Islington, in the diocese of London.