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WHITEHALL, November 14, 1902.

THE King has been pleased to give and grant unto Arthur John Alexander Jardine, Esq., a District Superintendent of Police in Burma, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Royal Siamese Order of the White Elephant, conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Siam, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to His Majesty.

DOWNING STREET, November 12, 1902.

The King has been pleased to approve of the re-appointment of Nicholas Julian Paterson, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Grenada.

FOREIGN OFFICE, November 14, 1902.

It is hereby notified that His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs received a despatch, dated the 11th July last, from His Majesty's Minister at Caracas, transmitting a Decree of the Venezuelan Government, which appeared in the Official Gazette of the 28th June, and was formally communicated to him on the following day. This Decree prohibited the navigation of the waters of the Orinoco, and declared the line of coast which embraces its mouths blockaded, and the ports of Guiria and Caño Colorado closed to commerce and naviga-

tion. The port of La Vela de Coro was also declared to be blockaded.

His Majesty's Minister subsequently reported that, by a later Decree which appeared in the Official Gazette of the 19th July, the port of Carupano was included in the above blockade. This Decree was, however, revoked by a third Decree, dated the 23rd August.

His Majesty's Government have ascertained from the reports of His Majesty's Minister at Caracas, from those of the Senior Naval Officer of His Majesty in those waters, and from other trustworthy sources, that no effective blockade of the stretch of coast and ports comprised in the Decrees of the 28th June and the 19th July is, or has ever been, maintained. It is, therefore, further notified that the blockade so declared is held by His Majesty's Government to be, and to have been, *ab initio*, null and of no effect.

TELEGRAMS FOR ALASKA.

The Rates for Telegrams to all places in Alaska is now 3s. 5d. per word.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

November 14, 1902.

The following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names:—