

INDIA OFFICE, March 21, 1903.

The Secretary of State for India in Council has appointed Mr. John Macintosh to superintend the transfer of lascars, or other persons, at Troon, and to grant the certificate required under section 125 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (57 and 58 Vict. cap. 60).

The fee to be paid for every lascar, or other person, in respect of whom such certificate is applied for, is limited to three shillings, and in no case is the total amount of fees in respect of one crew to exceed five pounds.

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Monday the 30th instant, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under

the Acts 40 Vict. cap. 2, and 52 Vict. cap. 6, to the amount of £2,000,000, in replacement of Bills falling due on the 5th April.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1000, £5000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 4th April 1903, and will be payable at twelve months after date, viz., on the 4th April 1904.

3. *The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for; and the Tenders of private individuals must be made through a London Banker.*

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Tuesday the 31st instant, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than twelve o'clock on Saturday the 4th proximo.

6. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, 24th March 1903.

STATEMENT showing the Quantities Sold and Average Price of BRITISH CORN, per Quarter, of 8 Bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns, in the Week ended 21st March 1903, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

BRITISH CORN.				QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
				Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	...	...	...	49,360	2	25	1
Barley	...	...	...	33,137	6	22	9
Oats	...	...	...	25,213	0	16	10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1896 to 1902.

Corresponding Week in	QUANTITIES SOLD.						AVERAGE PRICE.					
	WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.		WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.	
	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1896 ...	30,156	5	36,163	2	12,291	4	24	10	21	4	13	4
1897 ...	51,497	1	24,908	4	12,758	7	27	9	22	5	16	3
1898 ...	50,131	3	22,983	1	11,610	2	35	4	28	6	17	8
1899 ...	64,771	7	32,349	0	15,093	6	25	4	26	8	17	0
1900 ...	69,941	2	38,147	0	17,042	7	25	11	25	0	17	1
1901 ...	53,758	1	27,840	1	13,895	2	25	8	24	11	17	9
1902 ...	56,394	1	15,482	3	12,192	4	27	1	26	4	20	6

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the Local Inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the imperial bushel, or by weight or by a weighed measure, that Officer shall convert such returns into the imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

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