

establishment of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses and mentioned in the Schedule to the said Order in Council dated the 10th May 1905, shall from the date of this Order be increased to two, and the increments of salary payable to such Lower Grade Clerks shall, in lieu of the increments specified in the said Schedule, be as follows, viz.: £7 10s. per annum until the salary reaches £125 per annum and £10 per annum thereafter until the maximum salary of £250 per annum has been reached; but the annual increase of such salaries shall be only granted on a certificate by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses that the preceding period of the officer's service has been distinguished by zeal, industry, and regularity.

And His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught, His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and the Lord President of the Council, being so authorised as aforesaid, do hereby, on His Majesty's behalf, by virtue and in exercise of the powers so vested in His Majesty as aforesaid, and by and with the advice aforesaid, order, and it is hereby ordered, that the salaries payable under the provisions of this Order shall be paid out of the General Lighthouse Fund.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

LORD GREAT CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,
PALACE OF WESTMINSTER, S.W.,
January 23, 1912.

All Peeresses, on announcing their intention of being present on the occasion of the Opening of Parliament on Wednesday, February 14th, will have places reserved for them if announcement be made at this Office before four o'clock on Saturday, February 10th.

Peers' eldest sons, desiring seats in the Peers' eldest sons' box, are requested to make a written or personal application at this Office.

No strangers can be admitted except by ticket from the Lord Great Chamberlain.

Tickets for the interior of the House of Lords will be admitted at the Peers' Entrance.

Tickets for the Royal Gallery at the Victoria Tower Entrance.

The doors will be opened at twelve o'clock.

CARRINGTON, Great Chamberlain.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,
ST. JAMES' PALACE, S.W., January 23, 1912.

The King has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Henry Montague Butler, D.D., Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, to be one of His Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary.

The King has also been pleased to appoint the Reverend Archibald Boyd Boyd-Carpenter, M.A., to be one of His Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 23, 1912.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome a communication to the following effect:—

The Italian Government has notified the establishment of a blockade, from the 22nd instant, by Italian ships of war, of the Ottoman Red Sea Coast between latitude 15° 11' and latitude 14° 30' from Rasisa, North of Hodeidah, to Rasgoulaifac to the South.

A term, which will be fixed by the Commander of the blockading squadron, will be granted to neutral vessels, during which they may freely leave the blockaded area.

WHITEHALL, January 18, 1912.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto the under-mentioned gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear Decorations (as stated against their respective names) which have been conferred upon them by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorised by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—

Third Class, Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh.

Charles Todd, Esq., M.D., Public Health Department, Cairo.

Charles Carkeet James, Esq., Controller-General of the Main Drainage Department, Cairo.

Ernest Tetham Richmond, Esq., Director-General of State Buildings under the Egyptian Government.

Fourth Class, Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh.

Stanley Smyth Flower, Esq., sometime Captain in the Northumberland Fusiliers, Director of the Zoological Gardens, Cairo.

John Murray, Esq., Irrigation Department.

WHITEHALL, January 19, 1912.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the First Class to Herbert Dobinson under the following circumstances:—

On the 26th of July 1911 a serious explosion took place at an Explosive Factory belonging to Messrs. Curtis's & Harvey Limited, at Cliffe, in the county of Kent, resulting in the death of three men and serious injury to three others. The explosion took place in one of the nitro-glycerine washing and filtering houses a few minutes after Dobinson had left the building. He was knocked down by the force of the explosion, but heard a fellow workman named J. Wordley call for help. Wordley had been blown by the explosion under a gun-cotton truck,