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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1912.

CHANCERY OF THE ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE, DOWNING STREET, December 23, 1912.

THE King has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following promotion in the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George :--

To be an Ordinary Member of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Distinguished Order :—

Arthur Lewis Webb, Esq., C.M.G., late Adviser to the Egyptian Ministry of Public Works, and Director-General of Reservoirs in Egypt.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, December 21, 1912.

This day had Audience of the King-

His Excellency Baron Takaaki Kato, to present his new Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the Emperor of Japan; and

Monsieur Antoine Constantin Sansaricq, to present his Letters of Credence as Minister Resident of the Republic of Hayti, and the Letters of Recall of his predecessor, Monsieur Jean Baptiste Dorsainvil.

FOREIGN OFFICE, December 20, 1912.

His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received a telegram from His Majesty's Minister at Sofia, stating that, according to a report which he has received from the British Vice-Consul at Varna, that port was yesterday declared open daily from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. for vessels piloted according to the rules in force prior to the closure of the port. The Vice-Consul adds that the lighthouse has been relighted.

FOREIGN OFFICE, December 24, 1912.

H.M. Ambassador at Constantinople has reported by telegram that the lighthouses at Salonica, Dedeagatch, Rhodes, and their dependencies have been relighted.

WHITEHALL, December 19, 1912.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Thomas Wentworth Russell, Bey, Assistant Commandant of the Alexandria Police, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept