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TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1888.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND,
DOVER HOUSE,
WHITEHALL, June 30, 1888.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to direct a Commission to be made and passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in Scotland in place of the Great Seal thereof, nominating, constituting, and appointing Mr. William Grant Lumsden Winchester, Writer to the Signet, to be Clerk for the admission of Notaries, in the room of Mr. William Montgomery, deceased.

FOREIGN OFFICE, June 26, 1888.

IT is hereby notified that the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received a Note from Monsieur d'Antas, Portuguese Minister at this Court, dated the 20th instant, announcing the Blockade of Quissembo, to the north of Ambriz, upon the West Coast of Africa, from the 12th of the present month.

WINDSOR CASTLE, June 27, 1888.

This day had audience of Her Majesty:—
Major-General von Winterfeld, on a Special Mission from His Majesty the German Emperor,

King of Prussia, to deliver Letters notifying the death of the late Emperor and King, and His Imperial Majesty's own accession to the Throne; also

His Excellency Count Hatzfeldt-Wildenburg, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the German Emperor, to deliver New Credentials;

To which audience they were respectively introduced by the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

WHITEHALL, June 28, 1888.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Lloyd William Mathews, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Brilliant Star of the Highest Class, which His Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar has been pleased to confer upon him as a promotion from the First Class of the Order conferred upon him in the year 1886, in recognition of his services whilst actually and entirely employed by His Highness beyond Her Majesty's dominions.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
June 29, 1888.

The following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified