

mode in which I lately conducted proceedings necessarily disagreeable to the Brazilian nation, on the refusal of the Brazilian Government to satisfy demands which I had been instructed to make. It is peculiarly gratifying to me to know that so many of my countrymen, interested in peaceful relations with Brazil, think that my conduct was prudent and moderate. I had heard of some, but certainly not of general, disapproval among British subjects. Unanimity can never be expected. Almost all respectable Englishmen, I believe, properly understood the question at issue, and their duty. Many who pass for Englishmen have a divided allegiance, being either by naturalization or birth in this country also Brazilians. It is no imputation against the consciences of such persons that they do not think purely as Englishmen. I took an early occasion to report to Her Majesty's Government that I had been highly pleased by the attitude generally taken by British subjects during the late proceedings.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. D. CHRISTIE.

At the Court at Windsor, the 20th day of March, 1863.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 10th of February, 1863, in the words following, viz. :—

“ We humbly beg to lay before your Majesty the case of the General Officers of your Majesty's Royal Marine Forces. These officers, owing to the peculiar nature of the Marine Service, are debarred from all further advantages, having no lucrative commands or appointments to look forward to, like their brother officers in the army—and although various measures have been submitted, from time to time, for improving the position of the officers and men of the Corps, by placing them, as nearly as possible, on a footing with the army, nothing has been done for the Generals. Under these circumstances, we propose, with your Majesty's sanction, to appoint a General Officer as Colonel to each of the five divisions, upon the principle adopted in the army in the case of colonelcies of regiments; and to raise the pay of the Officers appointed from £702 12s. 6d. to £900 a-year. This measure will, in our opinion, give general satisfaction, as it will not only afford the means of conferring a reward upon a very meritorious class of old officers; but it will act beneficially upon the whole corps, by giving it the advantage of a few honorary appointments, an advantage not hitherto possessed by that valuable branch of your Majesty's service. We, therefore, trust that your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by your Order in Council, to authorize us to carry our proposal into effect, the Lords of your Majesty's Treasury having signified their concurrence.”

Her Majesty having taken the said memorial into consideration was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve of what

is therein proposed, and the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Arthur Helps.

Admiralty, 28th March, 1863.

With reference to the above Order in Council the following appointments have this day taken place :

Royal Marine Artillery.

General Charles Menzies, K.H., to be Colonel.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Lieutenant-General Sir Samuel Burdon Ellis, K.C.B., to be Colonel of the Portsmouth Division.

Lieutenant-General Thomas Wearing to be Colonel of the Plymouth Division.

Lieutenant-General Henry Ivatt Delacoube to be Colonel of the Chatham Division.

Major-General John Alexander Philips to be Colonel of the Woolwich Division.

War Office, March 31, 1863.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Purves Phayre, of the Bengal-Staff Corps, Chief Commissioner of British Burmah, to be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Foreign Office, March 25, 1863.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint John Gordon Kennedy, Esq., now Attaché to Her Majesty's Legation at Washington, to be a Third Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

Foreign Office, March 30, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Beda as Vice-Consul at Leith for His Majesty the King of Prussia.

Foreign Office, March 31, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. B. R. Hebler as Consul-General in London for the Free City of Frankfort.

Downing Street, March 2^d, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Reverend William Walkron Jackson, D.D., Lord Bishop of Antigua, to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Antigua.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint James Kirk, Esq., to be a Member of the Privy Council of the Island of Tobago; Joseph Goodman, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Saint Lucia; John Stevenson Grant, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Bahama Islands; and Copeland James Stammers, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Turks and Caicos Islands.