

*Board of Trade,  
(Harbour Department),  
Whitehall Gardens, S. W., 6th May, 1870.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a despatch from Lieutenant-Colonel Stokes, R.E., the British Representative on the European Commission of the Danube, forwarding regulations with regard to the pilotage of the Lower Danube, a translation of which is subjoined:—

#### EUROPEAN COMMISSION OF THE DANUBE.

##### *Provisions relative to the Piloting of Vessels in the Black Sea by the Danube Pilots.*

THE European Commission of the Danube, considering the 112th Article of the Regulation of Navigation and Police applicable to the Lower Danube, dated the 2nd November, 1865; whereas the enforcement of the prohibition to the river pilots to pilot vessels at sea encounters difficulties, and whereas shipmasters interested in easily finding good pilots for the voyage from the Bosphorus to the mouth of the Danube and vice versa, have themselves expressed the desire that this prohibition should be rescinded:

Whereas, however, it is of importance to give to the authority under which the pilots are placed the means of controlling the voyages made by them beyond the Danube, enacts the following provisions:—

ART. 1. From and after this day the provision enacted on the 16th April, 1868, and inserted in the last paragraph of Art. 75 of the Regulation of Navigation and Police applicable to the Lower Danube, dated the 2nd November, 1865, forbidding the licensed river pilots to pilot vessels in any part of their sea voyage, is repealed.

This prohibition continues, however, to be applicable to the pilotage in the channel of the Sulina Mouth, which is reserved as heretofore to the local pilots.

ART. 2. The river pilot who leaves the Danube to pilot a vessel at sea is bound to present his licence previously to the sub-chief pilot of the river service, who affixes to it a visé stating the date of his leaving.

The pilot is bound to observe the same formality when he re-enters the river.

Every offence against the provisions of the present Article is punished by a fine of fifty francs (£2), at least, and of a hundred francs (£4), at most.

ART. 3. The Inspector-General of the Navigation of the Lower Danube is charged to watch over the execution of the present provisions, and to pronounce the infliction of the fines incurred by the infraction of Art. 2 herein above.

The infliction of this penalty is regulated by the provisions of chapter II., part VI., of the Regulation of Navigation and Police of the 2nd November, 1865.

Done at Galatz, the 30th day of October, 1869.

(Signed) ZULAUF DE POTTENBURG.  
J. STOKES.  
B. BERIO.  
D'OFFENBERG.

*India Office, 9th May, 1870.*

HER Majesty has been pleased to approve of the following promotions and alterations of rank amongst the Officers of the Staff Corps and of Her Majesty's Indian Military Forces, made by the Governments in India:—

#### BREVET.

Major John Pringle Sherrif, Bengal Staff Corps, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, Captain William Henry Mackesy, Bengal Staff Corps, to be Major, in succession to Major-General William Lang, Bombay Infantry, deceased. Dated 4th January, 1870.

Major Francis Edward Archibald Chamier, Bengal Staff Corps, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, Captain Brydges Robinson Branfill, Bengal Cavalry, to be Major, in succession to Major-General Henry Prior, Madras Infantry, deceased. Dated 11th January, 1870.

Major Robert Renton, Madras Staff Corps, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, Captain Croft Augustus Charles Hawkins, Bombay Staff Corps, to be Major, in succession to Major-General J. S. Hodgson, Bengal Infantry, deceased. Dated 15th January, 1870.

Major James Langford Pearse, Madras Staff Corps, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, Captain Charles Tatham Hitchens, Bengal Staff Corps, to be Major, in succession to Lieutenant-General H. Dowker, Madras Infantry, deceased. Dated 6th February, 1870.

#### *To be Major.*

Captain Stephen William Ogilvie Stevens, 2nd Bombay Cavalry. Dated 31st January, 1870.

#### *To be Captains.*

Lieutenant William Henry James Stopford, 2nd Bombay Cavalry. Dated 11th February, 1870.  
Lieutenant William Sidney Nugent, Bengal Staff Corps. Dated 12th February, 1870.

#### SUBSTANTIVE PROMOTIONS.

#### BENGAL STAFF CORPS.

##### *To be Lieutenant-Colonels.*

Major Henry Alexander Taylor. Dated 3rd February, 1870.  
Major Frederick Procter Bailey. Dated 9th February, 1870.

##### *[To be Majors.*

Captain John Angelo. Dated 7th February, 1870.  
Captain Charles Robert Chester. Dated 20th February, 1870.  
Captain (Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel) Francis Edward Archibald Chamier. Dated 20th February, 1870.  
Captain Charles William Fletcher. Dated 20th February, 1870.

##### *To be Captains.*

Lieutenant Robert Atkins. Dated 4th February, 1870.  
Lieutenant James Richard Marett. Dated 4th February, 1870.  
Lieutenant Thomas Bernard Michell. Dated 19th February, 1870.  
Lieutenant Hipplesley Cunliffe Marsh. Dated 20th February, 1870.  
Lieutenant John McNair. Dated 20th February, 1870.  
Lieutenant Beilby Porteous Hodgson. Dated 20th February, 1870.