henceforth bear and use his paternal surname of Ruddell only:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise to be void and of none effect.

Education Department, Whitehall, February 19, 1872.

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued orders this day for the formation of School Boards in the undermentioned Parishes:—

Diss Norfolk
Luddington ... Lincoln
Martham Norfolk
Ross Hereford
West Wycombe ... Bucks
And in the Municipal Borough of—

Llanidloes ... Montgomery

(C. 179.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall, February 19, 1872.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from the British Vice-Consul at Rhodes, reporting the suppression of quarantine on arrivals at that port from Constantinople since the 21st ultimo.

(C. 180.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall, February 19, 1872.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Decree of the Spanish Government, dated 25th ultimo, conceding habilitation to the Custom-house of Alcantara for the importation and exportation of every class of merchandize by the River Tagus in the same manner that it is habilitated for trade by land.

(C. 187.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall, February 19, 1872.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, copies of three Decrees of the Spanish Government, relating to Custom-house arrangements. The first provides for the habilitation, from the 1st March next, of all the Customhouses of the first class, both inland and on the coast, for the despatch of incoming and outgoing foreign merchandize in transit by the ordinary roads. The second permits the transit of tobacco, the produce of and proceeding from the Philippines, subject to the conditions laid down in Art. 6, Appendix No. 20, of the Customs ordinances, the certificate of which the same Article treats, being issued, however, by the Custom-house of exit. The third abolishes the certificates hitherto required to prove the origin of coffee, spirits, and sugar imported directly from the Spanish West Indian possessions and the Philippines, and renders this certificate obligatory for all other colonial produce from the 1st March úext.

(C. 190.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall, February 19, 1872.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Note addressed by the Spanish Government to Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid, stating that vessels which have left Constantinople subsequent to the 23rd ultimo, will be admitted to free pratique in Spanish ports, if, counting from that day, they have fulfilled the 40th Reformed Article of the Health Law. The Note further states that orders have been issued for the exercise of the most vigilant care with regard to vessels from Amsterdam, Philadelphia, Tunis, Copenhagen, Milford Haven, and Newport, in consequence of the appearance of Small-pox at those ports.

Admiralty, 16th February, 1872.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

The following promotions and appointments, dated 13th February, 1872, have taken place:—

Colonel and Second Commandant Richard King Clavell to be Colonel-Commandant of the Portsmouth Division, vice Colonel W. S. Aslett, period of command expired.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Charles William Adair, C.B., A.D.C., to be Colonel and Second Commandant at the Chatham Division, vice Clavell.

Captain and Brevet Major Henry George Johnstone Davies to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and appointed to the Chatham Division, vice Adair. Second Captain John Christopher Hore to be Captain, and appointed to the Plymouth Division, vice Davies.

Admiralty, 15th February, 1872.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Orders in Council of 1860, 1864, and 1866, the undermentioned Retired Officers, having attained fifteen years' seniority as Commander, have been allowed to assume the rank and title of Retired Captain from the dates stated against their names:—

Retired Commanders:

Mortimer H. Rodney, 16th October, 1871. Henry Bacon, 22nd November, 1871.

Admiralty, 17th February, 1872.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, the undermentioned Officers have this day been placed on the Retired List:—

Paymaster George Grant. Chief Engineer Frederick Bush.

Admiralty, 19th February, 1872.

Sub-Lieutenant Charles Edward Woulfe Haly Hutton has this day been promoted to be Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of the 6th February, 1872.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870—

Lieutenant Philip Henry Worgan has been placed on the Retired List from the 20th December, 1871, and he has been allowed to assume the rank of Retired Commander from that date.