

to proceed to or return to their posts, must notify the time of their intended departure to one of the Under-Secretaries of State.

22. Allowances during War or Interruption of Relations.

Should an Ambassador, Minister, or Secretary of whatever class, by reason of war or other interruption of Diplomatic relations, be withdrawn from active service before his services shall have qualified him for a Diplomatic Pension of the class under which he would otherwise come, the Secretary of State will, as he may see fit, recommend that a temporary allowance should be assigned to any such person who cannot otherwise be immediately employed, calculated on the rate of pension which he would have earned if he had continued to reside in such capacity, regard being had to the length and general character of his services; such allowance, however, to be strictly subject to the condition in regard to employment specified in the XIIIth Section of the Act of 32nd and 33rd Vict., cap. 43, and to cease from the date of the ratification of a Treaty of Peace or the renewal of Diplomatic relations.

These Regulations will take effect from the 1st January, 1873.

(M. 16.)

*Marine Department, Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens, January 1, 1873.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, copies of Notices issued by the Portuguese Government, stating that the ports of Egypt and of the Black Sea are declared free from cholera morbus since the 21st November last; that the ports of Taganrog and of the Sea of Azof which were declared "infected" with cholera morbus pass to the category of "suspected" since the 23rd November last; that the ports of the Austro-Hungarian Empire are declared "infected" with cholera morbus since the 17th November last; and that Bahia is declared free from yellow fever since the 16th October last.

(M. 80.)

*Marine Department, Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens, January 2, 1873.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid, inclosing the following translation of an Official Notice respecting the sanitary treatment of vessels arriving in Spain, by reason of force majeure:—

Extract from the Madrid Gazette, December 24, 1872—

In consequence of various reclamations on the part of maritime commerce as to the sanitary treatment, which some special directions apply to ships, which, under certain circumstances, put into our ports, the King has been pleased, confirming the Royal Order of May 27 of 1858, to order that those ships which may have left a foreign clean port, for another foreign port, and enter the ports of the Peninsula and adjacent Islands by force majeure, on account of any of the reasons set forth in the commercial code, shall be admitted to free pratique, provided such reason be well established, if they arrive with a clean bill of health, in a satisfactory hygienic condition and without any accident on board of a

suspicious nature, even if, as is natural, those ships not having been destined for Spain, should not be provided with the visé of the Spanish Consul.

By Royal Order.

Madrid, December 21, 1872.

(Signed) RUIZ ZORRILLA.

Admiralty, 31st December, 1872.

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

Lieutenant William P. Barrow has this day been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Retired Commander.

Surgeon James R. Anderson has been placed on the Retired List from the 27th instant.

Admiralty, 2nd January, 1873.

Edward Mourilyan, Esq., has this day been promoted to the rank of Staff Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 24th December, 1872.

India Office, 3rd January, 1873.

HER Majesty has been pleased to approve of the following transfer to the Half-Pay List:—

BOMBAY STAFF CORPS.

Captain Edward Hopper Ashe. Dated 31st December, 1872.

Whitehall, December 9, 1872.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Sidney Smith, of No. 1, Furnival's-inn, Holborn, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

THE FAIRS ACT, 1871.

CHALLOCK FAIR.

IN pursuance of the above-mentioned Act, I, the Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, hereby notify as follows:

1. By Memorial, dated the 17th day of December, 1872, a representation has been duly made to me by the Justices sitting in Petty Sessions for the Ashford Division of Kent, that a Fair has been annually held on the 8th day of October, in the parish of Challock, in the said division of the said county, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that such Fair should be abolished.

2. On the 31st day of January, 1873, I shall take the aforesaid representation into consideration, and all persons are to intimate, before that day, any objection they may desire to offer to the abolition of the said Fair.

(Signed) H. A. Bruce.

Whitehall, December 31, 1872.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having certified to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in pursuance of the Act 29 and 30 Vic., c. 39, sec. 16, that the actual surplus revenue of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, beyond