ment of the amount of damages arising out of the siege operations carried on by the French army with a view to the recapture of Paris, will very shortly close its labours.

The persons interested will then receive certificates setting forth their names and the nature

of their claims.

These provisional vouchers will eventually be exchanged against formal vouchers at such time as may be fixed by the Municipal Council.

Letters will be addressed to each individual claimant setting forth the time of issue of the

vouchers.

The law of the 7th April, 1873, having assigned the payment of this indemnity to the town of Paris, all counter claims, removals, and cessions, will have to be notified, under pain of forfeiture, to the Receveur-Municipal of the town of Paris, at the Luxembourg Palace.

All the claims previously notified to the Treasury will have to be renewed to the Receveur-Municipal of the town of Paris, in order that they may be charged against the sums of money to be disbursed by the town.

Whitehall, May 10, 1873.

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal granting the dignity of a Knight of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Sidney Smith Saunders, Esq., C.M.G., late Her Majesty's Consul-General in the Ionian Islands.

Whitehall, May 10, 1873.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Peter Christie to the church and parish of Abbey St. Bathans, in the presbytery of Dunse, and county of Berwick, vacant by the death of the Reverend Thomas Davidson.

Crown Office, May 12, 1873.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

City of Gloucester.

William Killigrew Wait, of 2, Worcester-villas, Clifton, in the city of Bristol, Merchant, in the place of William Philip Price, Esq., who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Chiltern Hundreds.

Education Department, Whitehall; May 9, 1873:

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:—

... Suffolk: Brandon ... Chatteris Cambridge ... Norfolk Great Ellingham ... Llanginning. ... Carmarthen ••• St. Clears... ... Carmarthen. Smarden Kent, ... Swansea Glamorgan;

and in the United School District of— Rumburgh (comprising the parishes of Rumburgh, and St. Michael, South Elmham)

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Marine Department, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, May 12, 1873.

THE Board of Trade have received a Telegram from Her Majesty's Acting Consul at Archangel, reporting that the Dwina River is expected to open within a week.

Admiralty, 10th May, 1873.

John Mockridge, Esq., has this day been promoted to the rank of Staff Surgeon Second Class in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 3rd instant.

Admiralty, 12th May, 1873.

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

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

War Office, Pall Mall, 13th May, 1873.

22nd Regiment of Foot.

Lieutenant-General Sir Trevor Chute, K C.B., to be Colonel, vice Lieutenant-General George T. C. Napier, C.B., deceased. Dated 6th May, 1873.

3rd Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant Frederick Halfretires from the Service, receiving the value of his Commission. Dated 14th May, 1873.

7th Hussars, Captain Theophilus Gist retires from the Service, receiving the value of his Commission. Dated 14th May, 1878.

13th Hussars, Captain Charles Clarke Higgins retires from the Service, receiving the value of his Commission. Dated 14th May, 1873.

Royal Artillery, Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel John McCandie Campbell to be Lieutenant. - Colonel, vice J. Sinclair, deceased. Dated 2nd April, 1873.

Captain Edward Sidney Burnett to be Major, vice Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell Dated

2nd April, 1873.

Second Captain Henry Wedderburn Isacke, from temporary half-pay, to be Captain, vice E. S. Burnett. Dated 14th May, 1873.

Lieutenant Edward George Boughton Gattey to be Captain, vice J. F. Sandeman, who resigns. Dated 14th May, 1873;

Captain William Straham to be Adjutant; vices P. F. Gallwey, who resigns the Adjutancy only. Dated: 14th May, 1873.

6th Foot, Lieutenant Robert Græme retires from the Service, receiving the value of his Commission. Dated 14th May, 1873.

10th Foot, Lieutenant George Coope, Heimer resigns his Commission as Adjutant. Dated, 1st May, 1873.

18th Foot, Sub-Lieutenant John Henry Augustus Spyer to be Lieutenant. Dated 30th December, 1871.

20th Foot, Herbert William Ozanne, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 14th May, 1873:

23rd Foot, Sub-Lieutenant Llewellyn Griffiths, from the 64th Foot, to be Sub-Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant J. M. Clayton, promoted. Dated 14th May, 1873.