

Minister at Athens, enclosing copy of a communication from the Hellenic Minister for Foreign Affairs, notifying that, in consequence of cholera having made its appearance at Naples, all vessels which had left that port since the 7th instant would be subjected on arrival to a quarantine of eleven days; and further, that ships which had left Hamburg and the banks of the Elbe since the 4th instant would be subjected to eleven days' quarantine on their arrival in Greek Ports.

(M. 14231.)

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

THE Board of Trade have received through the Foreign Office a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of Legation at the Hague enclosing copy and translation of a Notice from the Official Gazette of the 26th ultimo, announcing that in consequence of cholera having broken out at Naples, all vessels which had left that port since the 12th ultimo would be subject to quarantine on arrival at the ports of the Netherlands.

(M. 13922.)

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

THE Board of Trade have received through the Colonial Office a Despatch from the Acting Administrator at Lagos, enclosing a copy of the following letter sent by the native Governor at Benin to the Chairman of the Court of Equity in Benin River :—

SIR,

IN consequence of the hostile disposition evinced by the natives of the Joe-man country towards steamers passing through their creeks to the Niger river, and from the closing of the Warree trade, I deem it expedient to inform you that that route will be unsafe, and that I cannot hold myself responsible for any injury that may occur to any steamer or other craft in future taking that way to the Niger, or going through these creeks to or beyond Warree.

You will please communicate this information to the Consul and Governor at Lagos.

His
CHANOMI X
Mark.
Governor of Benin.

Witnesses to signatures,

F. S. NUTTALL.

His

BECKE, X Headman.
Mark.

(M. 14227.)

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

THE Board of Trade have received through the Foreign Office the extract of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Bilbao, dated September 15, advising that in the present state of affairs no more English vessels should be despatched to that port.

(M. 14302.)

*Marine Department, Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens, October 3, 1873.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Colonial Office the following copy of an official Notice by the Senior Naval Officer on the West Coast of Africa :—

"I hereby declare that on the 29th day of August last, the Gold Coast from Cape Coast Castle, in latitude 5° 6' North, longitude 1° 14'

West, to the River Assinee, in latitude 5° 8' North, longitude 3° 23' West, was placed in a state of blockade by a competent force of Her Majesty's ships, and are now in such state of blockade, and that all measures authorized by the law of nations and the respective treaties between Her Majesty and the different neutral Powers, will be enforced on behalf of Her Majesty against all vessels which may attempt to violate the blockade."

Given on board Her Majesty's ship "Barra-couta," at Cape Coast Roads, this 1st day of September, 1873.

(Signed) E. R. FREMANTLE,
Captain, &c.

Admiralty, 1st October, 1873.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, and 4th August, 1873, the undermentioned Officers have been this day placed on the Retired List of their rank :—

Captains :

Richard Purvis.
James Minchin Bruce.
Johns Francis Ross.
Shute Barrington Piers.
David Miller.
John Laisné Perry.
Honourable Maurice Horatio Nelson.
Charles Fenton Fletcher Boughey.
Francis Reginald Purvis.
Arthur John Innes.
Robert Augustus Parr.
Charles Davis Lucas, V.C.
Horatio Laurence Arthur Lennox Maitland.
John William Pike.
Thomas Hounsom Butler Fellowes, C.B.
Louis Hutton Versturme.
Ralph Abercrombie Otho Brown.
Robert Owen Leach.
Arthur Woodall Gillett.
Henry M'Clintock Alexander.
Arthur Morrell.
James Henry Bushnell.
Valentine Otway Inglefield.
Albert Henry William Battiscombe.
George Palmer.
Charles James Bullock.
Edward Bond Harrison Franklin.
Henry Matthew Miller.
William Henry Annesley.
Honourable John Carnegie.
John Parry Jones Parry.
Edward Francis Lodder.
Henry Lowe Holder.
Charles Francis Walker.
Frederick William Hollowes.
Honourable Francis Lindley Wood.
Algernon George Wootton.
Richard Massie Blomfield.
Thomas Tyacke Phillips.
Seymour Curtis.

In accordance with the provisions of the same Orders in Council, the undermentioned Commanders have been this day placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Retired Captain :—

Commanders :

Edward Nares.
Honourable Ernest Grey Lambton Cochrane.
William Henry Pym.
Frederick Harvey.