(H. 1054.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), Whitehall Gardens, S.W., February 12, 1874.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid stating that by a Decree which appeared in the Madrid Gazette of the 6th instant, it has been announced that cholera having declared itself at Buenos Ayres, that town will be considered a foul port for ships which put to sea after the 20th December last; and that cholera having declared itself in the Argentine Republic, and the Government of Uruguay not having taken sufficient measures to guard the River Uruguay, ships which put to sea from Uruguay after the 20th (sic.) will be liable to three days' observation.

(H. 1056.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), Whitehall Gardens, S.W., February 12, 1874. THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Lisbon stating that by Government Notice at that place, dated the 21st ultimo, the ports of Altona and Hamburg were declared free from cholera morbus since the 4th ultimo.

(H. 1057.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), Whitehall Gardens, S.W., February 12, 1874. THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Lisbon stating that by Government Notices at that place, the ports of Antwerp and Carthagena are declared free from cholera morbus since the 20th and 21st ultimo, respectively, and the port of Pernambuco "infected" with yellow fever since the 2nd ultimo.

(H. 1058.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), Whitehall Gardens, S.W., February 12, 1874. THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Acting Consul at Copenhagen stating that the Danish Government have declared the ports of Hamburg, Wiborg, in Finland, Bergen, Naples, Konigsberg, and Neufahrwasser free from Asiatic cholera, and that in consequence all vessels arriving in Danish ports from those places will at once be admitted to free pratique.

(H. 1059.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), Whitehall Gardens, S.W., February 12, 1874. THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid stating that by a Decree of the Spanish Government, vessels arriving in Spanish ports from Rotterdam, which have put to sea since the 21st ultimo, are liable to three days' observation in consequence of the existence of cholera in that port.

(S. & C. 237.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, February 12, 1874.

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a translation of a Notification of the Japanese Government, dated 17th November last, under which the exportation of flour made from rice, wheat, and barley is henceforward permitted free of duty.

(S. & C. 238.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, February 12, 1874.

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Note addressed to Her Majesty's Consul at Manila by the Captain-General of the Philippine Islands, announcing that by a Decree of the 3rd December last, the ports of Legaspi, in the Island of Luzon, and Tacloban, in the Island of Luzon, were declared open to the general commerce of importation and exportation from the 1st January, 1874.

(S. & C. 255.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, February 13, 1874.

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Swedish Customs Circular, notifying that for the future, unbleached and undyed cloth made of jute yarn, and into the selvedge of which a few threads of cotton or hurds (blangarn) have been introduced merely to strengthen the border, will be classed in the Swedish tariff under the head of "Cloths, tissues of jute yarn, unbleached and undyed."

Admiralty, 10th February, 1874.

Sub-Lieutenant Francis Elliot Walker has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 18th November, 1873, confirming a Commission given by Vice-Admiral Sir Charles F. A. Shadwell, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the China Station, in the death vacancy of Lieutenant Frederick Hope Johnstone.

The undermentioned have this day been appointed Surgeons in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 30th September, 1873:—

Frederick Charles Cresswell Hewett. Theodore Julian Preston. Robert Bedford. George Cooke. William Pearson, M.D. Charles Lyon Vasey:

Admiralty, 11th February, 1874.

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 placed on the Retired List of their rank from the 1st October last:—

Commanders:

Edward William Hereford. Charles James Carey. Edmund Lyons Green. Honourable Henry Hervey Molyneux. Charles Percy Bushe.

And the following Lieutenants have been placed on the Retired List from the same date, with permission to assume the rank of Retired Commander:—

Lieutenants:

Edward William John Hennah. Hamilton Pym Smith. Honourable Edward Miles David Browne, Andrew Ross.