

Foreign Office, December 14, 1874.

IT is hereby notified that Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Paraguay in London, a Note, dated the 3rd of December, stating that he has cancelled the appointment of Doctor Don Leone Levi as Consul-General in London for the Republic of Paraguay, and that the Legation will for the present carry on the Consular duties.

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The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Henri Helm as Vice-Consul at St. Mary, Bathurst, for His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

Downing Street, December 12, 1874.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Walter Scott, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

Downing Street, December 14, 1874.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Surgeon-Major Samuel Rowe, C.M.G., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Gold Coast Colony.

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Marine Department, Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, December 12, 1874.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin stating that at a sitting on the 7th ultimo of the Bundes Rath of the German Empire, it was decided to adopt in their entire and unaltered form the Distress and Pilot Signals as set forth in Schedules 1 and 2 of "The Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Act, 1873."

(S. & C. 1902.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, December 14, 1874.

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Aleppo reporting the prohibition of the export of grain from the province of Aleppo since the 20th ultimo.

Admiralty, 11th December, 1874.

Paymaster Hugh F. Pullen, who was placed on the Retired List on the 16th ultimo, has been allowed to assume the rank of Paymaster-in-Chief from that date.

Admiralty, 14th December, 1874.

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

Navigating Lieutenant Henry F. Woods has been placed on the Retired List from the 6th instant.

*Admiralty, 14th December, 1874.**Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, Bristol Corps.*

Montagu B. Dunn, Esq. (Captain Royal Navy), to be Lieutenant-Commanding. Dated 12th December, 1874.

*War Office, Pall Mall, 15th December, 1874.**67th Regiment of Foot.*

Lieutenant-General Henry Phipps Raymond to be Colonel, in succession to General Francis John Davies, deceased. Dated 5th December, 1874.

1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Captain Robert James Burrowes retires from the Service, receiving the value of his Commission. Dated 16th December, 1874.

3rd Dragoon Guards, Sub-Lieutenant Charles John Morey Weale resigns his Commission. Dated 16th December, 1874.

7th Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant Francis Colebrooke Drummond, from the 16th Lancers, to be Lieutenant, vice E. Chadwick, who exchanges. Dated 16th December, 1874.

Riding-Master Henry Pearce Phillips retires upon half-pay. Dated 16th December, 1874.

1st Dragoons, Captain Corbet Smith retires from the Service, receiving the value of his Commission. Dated 16th December, 1874.

8th Hussars, Captain Randle Jackson retires from the Service, receiving the value of his Commission. Dated 16th December, 1874.

Captain Edward Pulleyne, about to be appointed to the Militia, retires upon half-pay. Dated 16th December, 1874.

9th Lancers, Veterinary-Surgeon John Prosser Adams, from the Royal Artillery, to be Veterinary-Surgeon, vice E. T. Cheesman, who exchanges. Dated 16th December, 1874.

10th Hussars, Sub-Lieutenant William Edward Phillips, from the 19th Hussars, to be Sub-Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant T. A. Smith-Dorrien, retired. Dated 16th December, 1874.

13th Hussars, Lieutenant Philip Kavanagh Doyne, from the 38th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice A. G. St. George, who exchanges. Dated 16th December, 1874.

14th Hussars, Quartermaster Thomas Howell Clark retires upon half-pay. Dated 16th December, 1874.

15th Hussars, Quartermaster W. Hodgkinson, from a Brigade Depot, to be Quartermaster, vice S. H. Staniland, who exchanges. Dated 16th December, 1874.

16th Lancers, Lieutenant Edward Chadwick, from the 7th Dragoon Guards, to be Lieutenant, vice F. C. Drummond, who exchanges. Dated 16th December, 1874.

Royal Artillery, Veterinary-Surgeon Edwin Thomas Cheesman, from the 9th Lancers, to be Veterinary-Surgeon, vice J. P. Adams, who exchanges. Dated 16th December, 1874.

Brigade Depot, Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Frederick Robert Ellington, C.B., retires upon half-pay. Dated 1st January, 1875.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Henry Meade Hamilton, C.B., retires upon half-pay. Dated 16th December, 1874.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel George Byng Harman is placed on half-pay on reduction of establishment. Dated 16th December, 1874.

Quartermaster Stephen Henry Staniland, from the 15th Hussars, to be Quartermaster, vice W. Hodgkinson, who exchanges. Dated 16th December, 1874.