

(M. 5946.)

*Marine Department, Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens, April 24, 1876.*

THE Board of Trade have received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the annexed copy of a Proclamation by the President of Liberia, respecting the importation and sale of arms and munitions of war in the county of Maryland:—

By the President of the Republic of Liberia.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS in consequence of the hostile attitude assumed by certain tribes within and under the jurisdiction of this Republic, against the Government of Liberia, the legislature did, at its late session, authorise the President, by proclamation or otherwise, to interdict certain trading points along the coast; and whereas it is not the policy of the Government to unnecessarily restrain the privileges of its citizens.

Now, therefore, I, James Spriggs Payne, President of the Republic of Liberia, do hereby proclaim and make known to all whom it may concern, that on and after the 21st day of February, A.D. 1876, no person shall be allowed to prosecute any trade of any kind whatsoever, at any town or place within the county of Maryland, except the port of Harper, until this interdict shall be revoked.

And I do further proclaim and make known, that on and after the said 21st day of February A.D. 1876, that, as provided for in an Act passed, at the late session of the legislature, and approved February 2nd, 1876, forbidding the importation and sale of fire-arms and munitions of warfare into the county of Maryland, "it shall be unlawful for any foreigner, residing in the Republic, any captain, supercargo of any vessel or steamer, or any citizen to import into the county of Maryland (commencing from the coast including Grand Cesters on the north-west of Maryland county, extending to the south-east boundary of the Republic's territory), any gunpowder, guns, and munitions of war of whatever description, unless for government, until after the cessation of the war in Maryland with the Grebo confederated tribes," under pain of the penalties set forth in said Act.

And I do also proclaim and make known, that on and after the said 21st day of February, A.D. 1876, the proclamation issued on the 22nd day of November, A.D. 1875, forbidding the sale and furnishing of fire-arms and ammunition to the aboriginal native or natives within the boundaries of this Republic, is revoked and shall be of no effect except in those parts herein interdicted and proscribed, that is to say "commencing from the coast including Grand Cesters on the north-west of Maryland County extending to the south-east boundary of the Republic's territory," and the citizens or foreigners shall be privileged to deal in said prohibited articles in other parts as before the issuing of the aforesaid proclamation.

And this present interdict and prohibition shall continue in full force until due notice shall have been given to the contrary by the proclamation of the President.

And I do hereby require all Officers, Civil or Military, within this Republic to take special care in seeing the terms of this interdict fully carried out, and all citizens and residents in this Republic, and persons in charge of any vessel coming to

our ports, to control and govern themselves accordingly.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the Republic of Liberia to be affixed this tenth day of February, A.D. 1876, and of the Republic the twenty-ninth.
(Signed) JAMES S. PAYNE.

By the President,
(Signed) J. E. MOORE,
Secretary of State.

Admiralty, 21st April, 1876.

Engineer John Rice has this day been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Admiralty, 22nd April, 1876.

The undermentioned Officer has this day been promoted to the rank of Fleet Surgeon in Her Majesty's Fleet, with the seniority stated against his name:—

John Fisher, Esq., with seniority of the 3rd April, 1876.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
25th April, 1876.*

74th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant-General the Right Honourable Sir Percy Egerton Herbert, K.C.B., to be Colonel, vice General Charles Augustus Shawe, deceased. Dated 5th April, 1876.

Royal Engineers, Major-General George Wynne to be Colonel-Commandant, vice General H. Servanté, deceased. Dated 27th February, 1876.

Lieutenant-General Henry Blois Turner (late Bombay) to be Colonel-Commandant, vice General W. Scott, deceased. Dated 20th March, 1876.

Lieutenant Edward Merry Larminie to be Captain, vice G. H. L. Pole, deceased. Dated 23rd February, 1876.

Chaplains' Department, Chaplain of the Third Class the Reverend James M'Whinny to be Chaplain of the Second Class. Dated 4th March, 1876.

Chaplain of the Third Class the Reverend Reginald H. Bullock, M.A., to be Chaplain of the Second Class. Dated 23rd April, 1876.

The Reverend Thomas Foran to be Chaplain of the Fourth Class. Dated 24th October, 1874, such antedate not to carry back allowances.

The Reverend Frederick J. Bateman to be Chaplain of the Fourth Class. Dated 16th October, 1875, such antedate not to carry back allowances.

BREVE'T.

Major Thomas Beckley, Royal (late Madras) Engineers, retired upon a pension, to have the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 20th November, 1875.

The following promotions to take place consequent on the death, on the 26th February, 1876, of General H. Servanté, Colonel-Commandant, Royal Engineers:—

Lieutenant-General William Turnbull Renwick, Colonel-Commandant, Royal Engineers, to be General. Dated 27th February, 1876.