

*Downing Street, August 22, 1877.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal granting and declaring that the Degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts and Bachelor and Doctor of Laws and of Medicine, hereafter to be granted or conferred by the University of the Cape of Good Hope, shall be recognized as Academic distinctions and rewards of merit, and be entitled to rank, precedence, and consideration in the United Kingdom and in the Colonies and possessions of the Crown throughout the world as fully as if the said Degrees had been granted by any University of the said United Kingdom.

*Admiralty, 22nd August, 1877.*

In pursuance of Her Majesty's pleasure, Admiral the Honourable Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B., has been promoted to be an Admiral of the Fleet, vice Sir Henry John Codrington, K.C.B., deceased, to date from the 5th instant; and the following promotions consequent thereon have also been made from the same date:—

Vice-Admiral Alfred Phillipps Ryder to be Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet.  
Rear-Admiral Sir Francis Leopold McClintock, Knt., F.R.S., to be Vice-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet.  
Captain John Bythesea, V.C., C.B., to be Rear-Admiral on the Retired List.  
Captain William Gore Jones, C.B., to be Rear-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Consequent on the foregoing, the following promotions on the Retired List have also taken place from the same date:—

Retired Vice-Admiral John Fulford to be Admiral on the Retired List.  
Retired Rear-Admiral Sir George Henry Richards, Knt., C.B., F.R.S., to be Vice-Admiral on the Retired List.

Retired Captains:

John Clarke Byng,  
Henry Samuel Hawker,  
Francis Arden Close,  
Arthur Wilmshurst, C.B.,  
William Wood,

to be Rear-Admirals on the Retired List.

*War Office, Pall Mall,  
24th August, 1877.*

*Royal Artillery, Major Thomas Henry Pitt, from the Supernumerary List, to be Major, vice A. G. Miller, deceased. Dated 20th July, 1877.*

*Captain Edward Ommanney Hollist, from the Supernumerary List, to be Major, upon the Supernumerary List. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Captain Frederick Swaine Le Grice to be Major, vice G. Arbuthnot, who retires upon temporary half-pay. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Captain Allan Henry Maclean, from the Supernumerary List, to be Captain, vice Le Grice, promoted. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Lieutenant Charles Edward Brown to be Lieutenant upon the Supernumerary List. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Coast Brigade, Lieutenant Joel Blades to be Captain, vice Brevet Major W. Handyside, who retires upon full-pay. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Lieutenant George Leeds to be Captain, vice Brevet Major W. Henry, who retires upon full-pay. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Lieutenant John Ramsay to be Captain, vice D. Anderson, who retires upon full-pay. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Lieutenant John McLernon to be Captain, vice C. Phillips, who retires upon full-pay. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Quartermaster Thomas Mills Richey, from Supernumerary to the Establishment, to be Lieutenant, vice Blades, promoted. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Sergeant-Major Bolden Dundas Porterfield, to be Lieutenant, vice G. Leeds, promoted. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Sergeant-Major William Duvall to be Lieutenant, vice J. Ramsay, promoted. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Master-Gunner William Dixon to be Lieutenant, vice J. McLernon, promoted. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

#### BREVET.

*Lieutenant-Colonel William Howley Goodenough, Royal Artillery, having completed the qualifying service, to be Colonel. Dated 5th July, 1877.*

*Captain and Brevet Major William Handyside, Coast Brigade, Royal Artillery, who retires upon full-pay, to have the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Captain and Brevet-Major William Henry, Coast Brigade, Royal Artillery, who retires upon full pay, to have the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Captain David Anderson, Coast Brigade, Royal Artillery, who retires upon full-pay, to have the honorary rank of Major. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*Captain Charles Phillips, Coast Brigade, Royal Artillery, who retires upon full-pay, to have the honorary rank of Major. Dated 25th August, 1877.*

*War Office, 24th August, 1877.*

#### MILITIA.

*Durham Artillery Militia.*

The granting to William Hill, late Quartermaster, the honorary rank of Captain, and the permission for him to continue to wear the uniform of the Regiment on his retirement, should bear date the 23rd May, 1877, instead of the 22nd August, 1877, as notified in the London Gazette of the 21st August, 1877.

*Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of the County of York.*

The Honourable Cecil Duncombe to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 16th August, 1877.

*Whitehall, August 24, 1877.*

The Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has appointed Richard Donald Bain, Esq., to be an Inspector of Coal and certain other Mines, under "The Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1872" (35 and 36 Vict., cap 76).