2nd Nottinghamshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Sub-Lieutenant Henry Mellish to be Lieutenant.

Dated 19th April, 1876.

3rd Nottinghamshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Sub-Lieutenant William Deeping Warwick to be
Lieutenant. Dated 15th January, 1876.

Sub-Lieutenant Samuel John K. Marsland to be
Lieutenant. Dated 15th January, 1876.

7th Nottinghamshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Sub-Lieutenant George Savile Foljambe to be Lieutenant. Dated 1st December, 1875.

5th Sutherland Rifle Volunteer Corps.

John Robert Tennant, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 10th November, 1877.

6th North Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Augustus Wollaston Langdale, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 10th November, 1877.

21st West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

John Charles Elwis, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 10th November, 1877.

43rd West Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

William Henry Blackburn, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 10th November, 1877.

War Office, November 9, 1877.

THE Secretary of State for War has appointed Alfred Sharpe, M.D. and L.R.C.S. Edinburgh, to be Visiting Surgeon for Woolwich, under the Contagious Diseases Acts, 1866 to 1869, vice Dr. Stuart, resigned.

War Office, November 9, 1877.

THE Secretary of State for War has appointed Alexander Forsyth, M.D., to be Visiting Surgeon for Greenwich, under the Contagious Diseases Acts, 1856 to 1869.

War Office, November 9, 1877.

THE Secretary of State for War has appointed Hubert Wilson South Sturton, M.R.C.S. England, to be Assistant Visiting Surgeon for Greenwich, under the Contagious Diseases Acts, 1866 to 1869.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the 39th and 40th years of Her present Majesty, Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for the preservation of Wild Fowl," it was by the 2nd section provided that any person who shall kill, wound, or take or attempt to kill, wound, or take any wild fowl as defined by the said Act, or use any boat, gun, net, or other engine or instrument for the purpose of killing, wounding, or taking any wild fowl, or shall have in his control or possession any wild fowl recently killed, wounded, or taken, between the 15th day of February and the 10th day of July in any year, shall be liable to the penalty therein mentioned, and by the 3rd section, power was given to the Home Office as to Great Britain, upon the application of the Justices in Quarter Sessions assembled of any county, to extend or vary the time during which the killing, wounding, and taking of wild fowl

was prohibited by the said Act, such extension or variation to be made by Order, under the hand of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State:

And whereas the Justices of the county of Kent, in Quarter Sessions assembled, have applied to me to the effect that an Order should be made directing that the time during which the killing, wounding, and taking of wild fowl, as defined by the said Act, is prohibited shall be varied in the county of Kent, so as to be from the 15th day of March up to and inclusive of the 1st day of August in each year.

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of the said Act, and on such application as aforesaid, hereby order as follows:—

The time during which the killing, wounding, and taking of wild fowl, as defined by the said Act, is prohibited, shall be varied in the county of Kent, so as to be from the 15th day of March up to and inclusive of the 1st of August in each year.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 3rd day of November, 1877.

Richard Assheton Cross.

## THE FAIRS ACT, 1871.

HYTHE (HANTS) FAIR.

WHEREAS a representation has been duly made to me, as Secretary of State for the Home Department, by the Justices acting in the Lymington and New Forest Petty Sessional Division of the county of Southampton, that a Fair has been annually held on the second Monday after the 5th day of July, in the parish of Hythe, in the said division of the said county, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fair should be abolished:

And whereas notice of the said representation, and of the time when I should take the same into consideration, has been duly published in pursuance of "The Fairs Act, 1871:"

And whereas, on such representation and consideration, it appears to me that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fair should be abolished:

Now, therefore, I, as the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Fairs Act, 1871," do hereby order that the Fair which has been annually held on the second Monday after the 5th day of July, in the parish of Hythe, in the said division of the said county, shall be abolished as from the date of this order.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 7th day of November, 1877. Richard Assheton Cross.

India Office, London, November 5, 1877.

Rheea, Ramie, or China Grass Fibre.

THE Government of India have offered prizes of Rs. 50,000 and Rs. 10,000 for the best Machines or Processes for preparing the Rheea Fibre from the plant in its green state. The trials will take place in India. For full particulars apply to the Secretary of the Department of Statistics and Commerce at this Office.

Louis Mallet.