

Officer from the supernumerary list as provided in Art. 12.

9. Every vacancy on the establishment in the rank of Lieutenant-General or in that of General shall be filled up in like manner by the promotion of the Senior Officer of the Indian Army in the grade next below, or by the moving up of the name of the Senior Officer of the Staff Corps borne on the list of that grade.

10. Temporary rank and command as Major-General, Lieutenant-General, or General may, for the convenience of Our Service, be conferred, without regard to seniority, on Colonels, Major-Generals, or Lieutenant-Generals respectively; and if the Officer during the continuance of such temporary rank and command shall have conducted himself to Our satisfaction, the rank so held may, upon the recommendation of Our Governor-General in Council, be converted into permanent rank after having been held for five years in time of peace, or for any shorter period in the field during war. A Colonel who shall vacate an appointment as temporary Major-General, and whose temporary rank shall not have been made permanent, may, upon the recommendation of Our Governor-General in Council, be made an honorary Major-General, and shall retain that rank until he succeed to the establishment in virtue of his seniority on the list of Colonels.

11. Promotion may be conferred upon a Colonel, Major-General, or Lieutenant-General without regard to seniority, for distinguished service in the field, and in such case the recommendation of Our Governor-General in Council, detailing the services for which the Officer is promoted, shall be published in the General Orders of Our Indian Military Forces, and in the London Gazette.

12. An Officer not below the rank of Colonel, promoted after temporary service in a higher rank, or for distinguished service in the field, shall be borne as supernumerary, and shall not be placed on the establishment in his new rank until the time when he would have attained such rank by seniority; that is to say, when the surviving Officer who stood next senior on the list to the Officer promoted under Art. 9 or 10, shall have attained the same rank on the establishment, the next vacancy shall be filled by the transfer of the supernumerary General Officer to the establishment.

13. A supernumerary Major-General, who has been promoted after temporary service and absorbed, under Art. 12, into the establishment, shall have seniority according to the date of his permanent rank as Major-General, and shall rise to be Lieutenant-General, whether before or after his absorption into the establishment, in accordance with that seniority. A supernumerary General Officer promoted for distinguished service in the field, and absorbed under Art. 12, shall take his seniority from the date of his promotion as published in the London Gazette.

14. Field Marshals shall be appointed at the will of the Sovereign, and the rank shall be conferred without reference to seniority. A General Officer, retired under Our Warrant of the 31st day of December, 1877, shall remain eligible for promotion to the rank of Field Marshal.

15. A Major-General or a Lieutenant-General, retired under Our Warrant of the 31st day of December, 1877, shall be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-General or General when the Officer on the establishment, who was next junior to him as a Colonel, shall obtain such promotion.

16. Every Officer permitted to retire on full pay may be granted a step of honorary rank on retirement.

Given at Our Court at *Osborne*, this twenty-eighth day of *January*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,
Salisbury.

Foreign Office, February 9, 1878.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Francis Clare Ford, Esq., C.B., C.M.G., now Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires to the Grand Dukes of Baden and Hesse Darmstadt, to be Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Argentine Republic.

Whitehall, February 20, 1878.

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland granting unto Arthur Staunton Larken, Gentleman, the office of Portcullis Pursuivant of Arms, vacant by the decease of George William Collen, Gentleman, late Portcullis.

Downing Street, February 20, 1878.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Josiah Rees, Esq., (Chief Justice of the Bermudas or Somers Islands), to be a Member of the Council of those Islands.

Downing Street, February 21, 1878.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Andrew Boosie, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Labuan.

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*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, February 20, 1878.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Notice issued by the Portuguese Government declaring all the ports of the Province of Hedja (including Jeddah) infected with, and all the other ports of the Arabian Gulf suspected of, cholera morbus since the 20th December last.

Admiralty, 21st February, 1878.

Engineer Thomas McFarlane has been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 10th instant.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
22nd February, 1878.*

Brigade Depot, Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Robert Mockler, from half-pay, late 64th Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 23rd February, 1878.