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Buckingham Palace, October 23, 1878.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Captain Fleetwood Isham Edwards, Royal Engineers, to be Assistant Keeper of the Privy Purse, and Assistant Private Secretary to Her Majesty.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Captain F. I. Edwards, R.E., to be an Extra Groom in Waiting to Her Majesty.

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*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, October 24, 1878.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of an Italian Maritime Ordinance which decrees that vessels coming from ports of the United States of America north of the boundary between Pennsylvania and Virginia shall be exempt in Italy from sanitary treatment on account of yellow fever, provided their bills of health are clean, and the circumstances of their voyages are satisfactory.

Admiralty, 22nd October, 1878.

Acting Lieutenant Griffith Grismond Philipps to be Lieutenant, with seniority from the 16th July, 1878, having passed the necessary examination at the Royal Naval College.

[The following Appointment is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 23rd May, 1871.]

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Cumberland.

Royal Cumberland Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant Joseph Hyde Sparks to be Captain, vice Rossall, promoted.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1876.

THE name of Captain H. D. Grant, C.B., R.N., has been added to the List of Assessors for Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties, approved by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, under section 30 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1876."

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the 39th and 40th years of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, entitled "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 West Riding of the county of York, 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 West Riding of Yorkshire, so as to be from the 15th day of March to 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 West Riding of Yorkshire, so as to be from the 15th