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TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1880.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Paluce, March 8, 1880.

OTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 29th of May next.

* Buchingham Palace, March 11, 1880.

THIS day had audience of Her Majesty :--

Mr. James Russell Lowell, for the purpose of presenting his Credentials as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of America ;

To which audience he was introduced by the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, M.P., Right Honourable Richard Assneton Cross, M.T., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Home Affairs, acting for the Marquis of Salis-bury, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by General Sir Francis Seymour, Bart., K.C.B., Her Meiestu's Master of the Communies Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies.

Foreign Office, March 11, 1880.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Major-General Sir Edward Bruce Hamley, K.C.M.G., C.B., to be Her Majesty's Commissioner to take part in the demarcation of the frontier of Turkey in Asia.

Kensington Palace, March 16, 1880.

HER Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck has been pleased, with the approval of The Queen, to appoint the Honourable Mary Thesiger to be the Lady in Waiting to Her Royal Highness.

Westminster, March 15, 1880.

THIS day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that: The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to

the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal? Assent given to

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1880. Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improve-ment (Scotland) Act, 1880.

Indian Salaries and Allowances Act, 1880. Relief of Distress (Ireland) Act, 1880.

Admiralty, 12th March, 1880.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her-Majesty's Orders in Council of the 22nd February,... 1870, and 30th April, 1877.

Chief Engineer James A. Wilson has been placed. on the Retired List from the 10th instant.

Admiralty, 13th March, 1880.

Sub-Lieutenant James William Combe has beenpromoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 7th February, 1880.

In accordance with the provisions of Her-Majesty's Orders in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, and 29th November, 1879-

Lieutenant Charles Dominique Jacques Odevaine has been placed on the Retired List from the 5th instant, with permission to assume the rank and title of Retired Commander from the same date.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 30th April, 1877-

Engineer Ebenezer Bennett has this day been placed on the Retired List.

The Reverend Hugh Knyvet Upcher, M.A., has been appointed a Chaplain in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 2nd March, 1880.

War Office, Pall Mall, 16th March, 1880. BREVET.

HER Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel being conferred upon the undermentioned Officers in recognition of their services during the Jowaki Campaign of 1877-78. Dated 22nd November, 1879 :--

Major (since promoted Substantive Lieutenant-Colonel) Harry Chippindale Plunkett Rice; Bengal Staff Corps.

Major Charles Edward Stewart, Bengal Staff Corps.