

Westminster, August 22, 1881.

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. 4) Act, 1881.
Removal Terms (Burghs) (Scotland) Acts, 1881.
Public Works Loans Act, 1881.
Solicitors' Remuneration Act, 1881.
Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, 1881.
Metropolitan Board of Works (Money) Act, 1881.
Superannuation Act, 1881.
Corrupt Practices (Suspension of Elections) Act, 1881.
Pedlars' Act, 1881.
Presumption of Life Limitation (Scotland) Act, 1881.
Patriotic Fund Act, 1881.
Universities' Elections Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1881.
Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881.
Royal University of Ireland Act, 1881.
Wild Birds Protection Act, 1881.
East Indian Railway (Redemption of Annuities) Act, 1881.
Indian Loan Act, 1881.
National Debt Act, 1881.
Severn Navigation Act, 1881.
Brighton and Hove Gas Act, 1881.
Caterham Spring Water Company's Act, 1881.
Great Western Railway Act, 1881.
South-Western Railway Act, 1881.
Rotherham and Bawtry Railway Act, 1881.
Carmarthen and Cardigan Railway Act, 1881.
Kingston and London Railway Act, 1881.
Belfast and County Down Railway (Newcastle Transfer) Act, 1881.
Belfast, Strandtown, and High Holyrood Railway Act, 1881.
Ballyclare, Ligoniel, and Belfast Junction Railway Act, 1881.
Clonakilty Extension Railway Act, 1881.
Belfast and Northern Counties Railway Act, 1881.

*Education Department, Whitehall,
August 18, 1881.*

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued an order this day for the compulsory formation of a School Board in the undermentioned Parish:—

Hemington ... Somerset

(H. 5955.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, August 22, 1881.*

THE Board of Trade have received a Despatch from Her Majesty's Acting Consul in the Philippine Islands reporting that pilotage both inwards and outwards has recently been made compulsory at Yloilo for foreign going vessels. According to the scale of rates which have been fixed, every

vessel over 500 tons register will have to pay 50 dollars and 5 dollars for boat for pilot, inwards, and the same outwards.

SOUTH AFRICAN MEDAL.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, Spring Gardens, August 22, 1881.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Medals for the South African Expeditions, awarded to the Officers and Crews of the undermentioned ships, for service during the periods stated herein, are now in course of distribution, viz. :—

H.M.S. "Active," 3rd and 4th October, 1877.
H.M.S. "Active," 13th December, 1877, to 11th January, 1878.
H.M.S. "Active," 24th February to 7th March, 1878.
H.M.S. "Active," 7th August, 1878, to 18th March, 1879.
H.M.S. "Boadicea," 15th March to 12th June, 1879.
H.M.S. "Euphrates," 2nd July to 16th August, 1879.
H.M.S. "Forester," 8th April to 4th September, 1879.
H.M.S. "Himalaya," 9th to 15th March, 1878.
H.M.S. "Orontes," 3rd to 6th June, 1879.
H.M.S. "Shah," 6th March to 24th July, 1879.
H.M.S. "Tamar," 10th March to 11th April, 1879.
H.M.S. "Tenedos," 20th December, 1878, to 9th February, 1879.

Application should be made personally or by letter to the Accountant-General Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, London, S.W. Petty Officers and Seamen, whether applying in person, or by letter, are requested to produce their certificates of service.

Admiralty, 19th August, 1881.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, and 29th November, 1879—
Lieutenant Henry Paulet Harris has this day been placed on the Retired List of his rank.

The Reverend George Henry Marwood, M.A., has been appointed Chaplain in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 12th May, 1881.

The Reverend William Edward Jackson, M.A., has been appointed Chaplain in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 3rd June, 1881.

Admiralty, 20th August, 1881.

Royal Marine Forces.

THE undermentioned Gentleman has been appointed a Lieutenant in the Royal Marine Light Infantry:—

Mr. Frederick Lenox Prendergast. Dated 1st September, 1880.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
23rd August, 1881.*

1st Dragoon Guards, Captain Charles A. G. Becher has been seconded for service as an Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces. Dated 1st July, 1881.

Sergeant George Wentworth Forbes, from the 17th Lancers, to be Lieutenant, in succession to Second Lieutenant W. R. Goold-Adams, promoted. Dated 24th August, 1881.

2nd Dragoon Guards, Captain Benjamin Relf has been placed on retired pay, with the honorary rank of Major. Dated 1st July, 1881.