MEMORANDA.

Major-General Robert Parker Radcliffe (on the Supernumerary List of the Royal Artillery), has been placed on the Retired List, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-General. Dated 1st September, 1883.

Major-General (with the local rank of Lieutenant-General in the East Indics), Sir Frederick Sleigh Roberts, Bart, G.C.B., C.I.E., V.C., Royal (late Bengal) Artillery, to be Lieutenant-General, vice A. Bunny, C.B., Royal (late Bengal) Artillery, retired. Dated 26th July, 1883.

Colonel Thomas Ignatius Maria Hog, Royal (late Madras) Artillery, to be Major-General, vice Sir F. S. Roberts, Bart., G.C.B., C.I.E., V.C. Dated 26th July, 1883.

Colonel George Leslie, Royal Artillery, to be Major-General, vice N. O. S. Turner, C.B., Royal Artillery, retired. Dated 1st September, 1883.

Major Thomas Robert Disney, Royal Artillery, to have the local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel whilst employed as Commandant of Colonial Forces in Victoria. Dated 1st September, 1883.

Honorary Brigade Surgeon Thomas Bennett, late Surgeon-Major, Medical Department has been permitted to commute his retired pay. Dated 24th August, 1883.

The undermentioned Deputy Commissaries and Honorary Lieutenants of the Bengal Establishment, to have the honorary rank of Captain, on retirement. Dated 28th July, 1882 :--

Thomas Gill.

William Durham.

To be Honorary Lieutenant :---

D. puty Assistant-Commissary George Brady Hyderabad Contingent. Dated 13th July, 1883'

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Major Edward Henry Green, late 11th Hussars, to be Major. Dated 12th September, 1883.

Lieutenant Thomas M. Jameson, 9th Battalion the Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own)' to be Lieutenant. Dated 12th September, 1883'

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875 (38 Vic., c. 17). WHEREAS by Section 68 of the above-named Act, it is provided as follows :-

"The Council of any Borough which is assessed to the county rate of any county by the Justices of such county, and the Commissioners of any Improvement District, may, by order of a Secretary of State made upon the application of such Council or Commissioners, and published in the London Gazette, be declared to be a Local Authority for the purposes of this Act, and thereupon shall become a Local Authority accordingly for such part of their borough or district as is not included in any harbour, to the exclusion of the Justices in Petty Sessions:"

And whereas an application has been made to me by the Council of the borough of Launceston, to be declared a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act, in accordance with the provision aforesaid.

Now J, the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretarics of State, do hereby, in virtue of the powers contained in the said section, declare the said Council of the borough of Launceston, to be a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act. W. V. Harcourt.

Whitehall, September 3, 1883.

Civil Service Commission, September 4, 1883.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that at an Open Competitive Examination for the situation of Assistant to Surveyors in the office of Her Majesty's Works, &c., held in London and Edinburgh, on the 23rd August, 1883, and following days, notice of which Examination was given in the London Gazette of the 13th July, 1883, the undermentioned Candidate obtained the first place :--

Name.	Locality of Examination.

Burns, Gavin James ... | London.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 247.)—MEDITERRANEAN—COAST OF TUNIS. (1.) Harbour Light at Sphax.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 193 (1), of 13th July, 1883, on the intended exhibition of a harbour light at Sphax.

The French Government has given further notice, that on 14th July, 1883, the light was exhibited from a mast near the old battery (Tophrana).

The light is a fixed red light, elevated 38 feet above high water, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 6 miles.

Position, lat. 34° 43′ 55′ N., long. 10° 46′ 10″ E. SARDINIA-EAST COAST.

(2.) Port Terranova—Harbour Light on Bianca Islet.

The Italian Government has given notice, that on 21st July, 1883, a harbour light was exhibited on Bianca Islet, Port Terranova (Terranuova).

The light is a fixed green light, elevated 26 feet above the sea, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 5 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric, or by lenses, of the sixth order.

The light is shown from an iron column, 19 feet high, erected above the keeper's dwelling, painted white and black in stripes.

Position, lat. 40° 55' 20" N., long. 9° 31' 5" E. Adriatic-Gulf of Quarnero.

(3.) Harbour Lights at Port Segna.

The Austrian Government has given notice, that two harbour lights are now exhibited from iron supports on stone bollards placed in the water at the central mole head, Port Segna (or Zengg), eastern side of Morlacca Channel.

The lights are fixed green lights, visible through an arc of 79°, or between the bearings of N. 83° E. and S. 18° E., elevated 15 feet above the sea, and should be seen in clear weather from a distance of one mile.

Note.—During heavy weather these lights cannot be shown.

[The bearings are magnetic. Variation 10° Westerly in 1883.]

By command of their Lordships,

Fredh. J. Evans, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

25th August, 1883.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:-

(1.) and (2.) Mehediah to Makhabez, No. 249(1); Sphax Roadstead, No. 1162 (1); Sardinia Island, No. 161b (2); Cape Ferro to Port Brandinchi, No. 163 (2). Also, Admiralty List of Lights in the Mediterranean, 1883, pages 20, 70; and Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. I, 1873, pages 280, 403.