

Whitehall, March 7, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Walter Blunt, Esq., Colonel of the Imperial Ottoman Gendarmerie, Her Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the insignia of the Third Class of the Order of the Osmanieh, which His Imperial Majesty the Sultan has been pleased to confer upon him, in recognition of his services whilst actually and entirely employed by His Imperial Majesty beyond Her Majesty's dominions.

Whitehall, March 7, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Theodore Dyke Acland, Esq., M.D., Her Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Medjidieh, which His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, has been pleased to confer upon him, in recognition of his services whilst actually and entirely employed by His Highness beyond Her Majesty's Dominions.

Whitehall, March 7, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal for presenting the Reverend Henry Wulford, M.A., to the Rectory of Newelme, alias Ewelme, in the county and diocese of Oxford, void by the death of the Reverend Greville Phillimore.

*Education Department, Whitehall,
March 4, 1884.*

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 United District:—
Nether-ton (U.D.) ... Northumberland

(C. 736.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,
March 6, 1884.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at San José, Costa Rica, on the subject of the regulations in force at Port Limon respecting consular invoices. The following extract from the Despatch contains the purport of the regulations referred to:—

"It is obligatory on every shipper of merchandise for the Republic of Costa Rica to send consular invoices (in triplicate) for each shipment, expressing therein for account of whom, marks, numbers, gross weight, value, and detailed contents of each package. Of these invoices, the Consul for Costa Rica will transmit one copy direct to the Minister of Finance, and one to the Manager of the Goods Dépôt at the ports of destination, and the third copy should be sent by the shipper to the person for whom the goods are intended.

"In the absence of a Costa Rican Consular Officer to certify invoices, it can be done by the Consular Officer of a friendly Power; or, in default of this, by two merchants in the place, provided their signatures are authenticated by the local authority."

It is intimated by the Consul that great inconvenience and delay will be caused, and heavy fines imposed on native as well as foreign merchants in Costa Rica, in the event of shippers not complying with these regulations.

(H. 2035.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, March 7, 1884.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at the Hague, intimating that a notice has been issued by the Netherlands Government withdrawing from the 1st instant the former notice issued by that Government, declaring the ports of Egypt infected with cholera.

Admiralty, 4th March, 1884.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 1st April, 1881—Staff Surgeon Matthew Trenau has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 22nd February, 1884.

Admiralty, 5th March, 1884.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Captain Augustus Bury Liardet to be Major, vice Moody, promoted. Dated 11th February, 1884.
Lieutenant Albert Evelyn Houghton to be Captain, vice Liardet. Dated 11th February, 1884.

Admiralty, 6th March, 1884.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 21st July, 1876—Commander Coryndon Peters Boger, having attained fifteen years' seniority as Commander on the 2nd instant, has been authorised to assume the rank and title of Retired Captain from that date.

India Office, 7th March, 1884.

THE following appointment has been made to the Personal Staff of Major-General His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., C.B., &c., Commanding a Division of the Bengal Army:—Major H. R., Viscount Downe, 2nd Life Guards, to be Aide-de-Camp. Dated 26th November, 1883.

The following appointments to the Staff have been made by the Governments in India:—
Captain A. J. A. Wright, East Lancashire Regiment, to be a Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General for Muskeery, Bengal Establishment, vice Major J. E. Baines, who has resigned the appointment. Dated 31st October, 1883.
Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. Borradaile, C.B., R.A., to be Assistant Adjutant-General, R.A., Bombay Establishment, in succession to Colonel T. N. Holberton, whose tenure of appointment has expired. Dated 18th January, 1884.

War Office, 7th March, 1884.

THE HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF LONDON.

Captain A. McKenzie retires into the Veteran Company, with the honorary rank of Major, and is permitted to wear his uniform on retirement. Dated 8th March, 1884.

Lieutenant E. Blanks retires into the Veteran Company, with the honorary rank of Captain, and is permitted to wear his uniform on retirement. Dated 8th March, 1884.

Lieutenant F. J. Stohwasser to be Captain, vice McKenzie, retired. Dated 8th March, 1884.

Frank Mathews, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Stohwasser, promoted. Dated 8th March, 1884.

C. A. Port, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice Blanks, retired. Dated 8th March, 1884.

Y. Priestley, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 8th March, 1884.