across the southern frontier of the Netherlands of rags, clothes that had been worn, and unwashed body and bed linen were prohibited, will be so far modified, on and after the 27th instant, as no longer to apply to passengers' luggage, but that the order, dated the 5th of September last, prohibiting the importation of rags from France, Italy, Spain, Algiers, and Tunis, remains in force.

(H. 9828.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, December 30, 1884.
THE Board of Trade have received through
the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy
of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at
Palermo, dated the 22nd instant, reporting that
the only quarantine now in force is five days on
arrivals from Algiers.

(H. 9829.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gurdens, December 30, 1884.
THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the following copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Constantinople, viz.:—December 27, 1884.—Quarantine on arrivals from France, Italy, and Spain reduced to five days. Arrivals from Trieste and Egypt subject to twenty-four hours observation. Ten days maintained on those from Algeria. Vessels coming from France, Italy, Spain, Algeria, and Tunis bound for non-Turkish ports of Black Sea and vice verså to pass the Straits in quarantine. Quarantine on vessels for Constantinople from Varna, Kustendje, Danube, Odessa, and Sebastopol reduced to twenty-four hours observation.

(H. 9830.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, December 30, 1884.
THE Board of Trade have received through
the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy
of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at
Cagliari, dated the 22nd instant, reporting that
the quarantine on arrivals from ports of the
Italian continent, as well as on arrivals from
French ports in the Mediterranean, including
Algiers and Tunis, that have left such ports after
the 15th instant has been raised.

(H. 9831.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), Whitehall Gardens, December 30, 1884.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Note from the Representative of Austria-Hungary, intimating that the period of observation enforced at Trieste against vessels from ports of France, Algeria, Tunis, Spain, and Italy has been reduced from ten to five days, provided there has been no illness on the voyage, and that such vessels can prove that at the port of departure no suspected case of cholera had occurred, and that the general state of health was satisfactory. The days of the voyage do not count towards the five days observation. All other measures of precaution or quarantine remain in force.

○(H. 9832.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, December 30, 1884.
THE Board of Trade have received through
the Secretary of State for the Colonies a copy
of a Telegram from the Governor of Malta,
reporting that arrivals from France, Italy, and
Tunis will be admitted to free pratique, but that

five days quarantine are still imposed on arrivalsfrom Algeria.

(H. 9833.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, December 30, 1884.
THE Board of Trade have received through
the Secretary of State for the Colonies a copy of
a Telegram from the Governor of Gibraltar,
reporting that arrivals from French possessions in
the Mediterranean are admitted to free pratique.

Admiralty, 27th December, 1884.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her-Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Staff Captain John Parsons has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank and title of Retired Captain. Dated 27th December, 1884.

Admiralty, 29th December, 1884.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Captain Richard Carter has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 26th December, 1884.

War Office, Pall Mall, 30th December, 1884.

9th Lancers, Lieutenant Henry Castell Hopkins is placed on temporary half-pay on account of ill health. Dated 31st December, 1884.

Lieutenant the Honourable Claude H. C. Willoughby, from the 11th Hussars, to be Lieutenant, vice H. C. Hopkins. Dated 31st December, 1884.

11th Hussars, Lieutenant Boyce Combe, from the 18th Hussars, to be Lieutenant, vice the Honourable C. H. C. Willoughby, transferred to the 9th Lancers. Dated 31st December, 1884.

16th Lancers, Lieutenant William Younger, from the 3rd Hussars, to be Lieutenant, vice J. D. Calley, appointed Adjutant. Dated 31st December, 1884.

18th Hussars, Captain Francis John Paul Butler to be seconded for service as an Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces. Dated 1st January, 1885.

Royal Engineers, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel Percy Guillemard Llewellyn Smith, upon the Temporary Reserve List, having completed five years' service as a Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, has been placed on half-pay. Dated 20th December, 1884.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel James Makgill Heriot Maitland, C.B., having completed five years' service as a Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, is retained as a Supernumerary, under the provisions of Article 115 of the Royal Warrant of 10th June, 1884. Dated 20th December, 1884.

The undermentioned Captains to be Majors, under the provisions of Article 10 (b) of the Royal Warrant of 10th June, 1884. Dated 23rd December, 1884:—

Arthur Clifford Alexander. Brevet Major Arthur Robert Puzey. John Matheson. John Barber Lindsell.

Grenadier Guards, Lieutenant Francis Charles Trollope has been seconded. Dated 25th August, 1884.