

*Whitehall, August 16, 1886.*

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto John Frederick Lowder, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Rising Sun of the Fourth Class, which His Majesty the Emperor of Japan has been pleased to confer upon him, in recognition of his services whilst actually and entirely employed beyond Her Majesty's Dominions in His Imperial Majesty's Service.

*Buckingham Palace, August 17, 1886.*

HIS Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur W. Becher, Bengal Cavalry, to be Equerry, vice Captain Sir Maurice Fitzgerald, Bart., Knight of Kerry, resigned.

Captain Sir Maurice Fitzgerald, Bart., Knight of Kerry, to be Extra Equerry to His Royal Highness.

*Crown Office, August 17, 1886.*

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

*County of Middlesex.  
Ealing Division.*

The Right Honourable George Francis Hamilton (commonly called Lord George Hamilton), First Commissioner for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom.

*County of Leicester.  
Eastern or Melton Division.*

The Right Honourable John James Robert Manners (commonly called Lord John Manners), Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

*University of Cambridge.*

The Right Honourable Henry Cecil Raikes, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

*University of Dublin.*

The Right Honourable David Robert Plunket, First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

The Right Honourable Hugh Holmes, Her Majesty's Attorney-General for Ireland.

*Borough of the Tower Hamlets.  
St. George Division.*

The Right Honourable Charles Thomson Ritchie, President of the Local Government Board.

*Universities of Edinburgh and St. Andrews.*

The Right Honourable John Hay Athole Macdonald, Her Majesty's Advocate for Scotland.

*County of Northampton.  
Northern Division.*

The Honourable Brownlow Henry George Cecil (commonly called Lord Burghley), one of the Grooms in Waiting on Her Majesty.

*County of Down.  
West Down Division.*

The Right Honourable Arthur William Hill (commonly called Lord Arthur Hill), Controller of Her Majesty's Household.

(H. 5117.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, August 14, 1886.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Lisbon, stating "that Portuguese ports in India declared free from cholera."

(H. 5144.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, August 16, 1886.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Telegram, dated the 15th instant, from Her Majesty's Representative at Athens, stating that "Eleven days' quarantine re-imposed on arrivals from west coast of Italy, Reggio to Ventimiglia."

*Admiralty, 16th August, 1886.*

Staff Engineer James Legate has been advanced to the rank of Fleet Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 12th August, 1886.

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

Chaplain the Reverend Francis William Ames has been placed on the Retired List from this date.

The announcement contained in the London Gazette of the 23rd July, 1886, of the retirement of the Reverend Charles Clark, is hereby cancelled.

The following Notice is to be substituted for that dated 3rd August, 1886, which appeared in the London Gazette of the 10th August, 1886:—

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 19th January, 1886—

Assistant-Paymaster Samuel Herbert Benson has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 16th August, 1886.

*War Office, Pall Mall,*

*17th August, 1886:*

*Royal Engineers,* Major Charles Harland Craigie Halkett to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Colonel E. H. Courtney placed upon half-pay. Dated 13th August, 1886.

Major Charles Bowen to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Colonel R. M. F. Sandford placed upon half-pay. Dated 13th August, 1886.

The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains under the provisions of Article 7 (b) of the Royal Warrant of 10th June, 1884. Dated 19th August, 1886:—

Walter Francis Hawkins.

Mortimer John Slater.

Alfred Herbert Randolph.

Louis Charles Jackson.

Ralph Pudsay Littledale.

Charles Ernest Commeline.

*Grenadier Guards,* Lieutenant the Honourable Richard FitzRoy Somerset, from the Royal Monmouthshire Engineer Militia, to be Lieutenant, vice G. F. H., Lord Raglan, promoted. Dated 18th August, 1886.

LINE BATTALIONS.

*The Buffs (East Kent Regiment),* Lieutenant Bertram R. Mitford is seconded for service with the Egyptian Army. Dated 18th August, 1886.

*The King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment),* Colour-Sergeant Kenneth J. R. Campbell, from the Gloucestershire Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice C. E. Baumann, promoted. Dated 18th August, 1886.

*The Royal Scots Fusiliers,* Captain Charles Frederick Lindsell is seconded for service with the Egyptian Army. Dated 18th August, 1886.