of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Rome, enclosing the following copy of the latest Ordinance of Maritime Health published by the Italian Government:—

1886.—Ordinance of Maritime Health, No. 22.

THE Minister of the Intérior, in view of the Law of 20th March, 1865, &c., and of the certified cessation of the cholera epidemic in the city of Genoa, and in every other part of the Kingdom, decrees:

ART. 1. All the measures of quarantine in force in Sicily and the adjacent small islands, and at Asinara, effected by the Ordinances Nos. 7, 9, and 18 of 19th April, 13th May, and 24th September last, against ships coming from the rest of the Italian coasts, are annulled in the case of ships leaving any part of the Kingdom on the 2nd instant or after.

ART. 2. Until further instructions, the obligation imposed by orders still in force upon ships carrying passengers from one Italian port to another of having a doctor on board, in accordance with the measures provided in the Ordinance No. 7 of 19th April, respecting the cleanliness and healthiness of the vessel and those on board, and the disinfection of articles used by them, will be continued.

ART. 3. On the same day there will come into force in Sicily and the adjacent islands and at Asinara the sanitary measures ordered by the Decree of 21st August last, to regulate the trade in rags and unwashed old clothes destined for sale, in second-hand bedding, and in cloth or silk selvage, and the prohibition to import manures will cease at the same time.

The Prefects of the maritime provinces of the Kingdom are charged with carrying this Act into effect.

For the Minister,

(Signed) Morana.

Rome, 1st December, 1886.

Admiralty, 3rd December, 1886.

Navigating Lieutenant Charles Heyward has been promoted to the rank of Staff Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 28th November, 1886.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Major William Tankerville Allen has been placed on the Retired List, at his own request. Dated 23rd November, 1886.

Admiralty, 4th December, 1886.

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

Commander Sir Francis Blackwood, Bart., has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Captain. Dated 3rd December, 1886.

Royal Marine Artillery.

Colonel Second Commandant Henry Brasnell Tuson, C.B., A.D.C., to be Colonel-Commandant, vice Halliday, promoted. Dated 22nd November, 1886. Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel John Frederick

Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel John Frederick Crease, C.B., to be Colonel Second Commandant, vice Tuson. Dated 22nd November, 1886

Major and Colonel Arthur French to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 22nd November, 1886.

War Office, Pall Mall, 7th December, 1886.

3rd Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant Charles Inglis Scott, from the 4th Battalion, the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), to be Lieutenant, on augmentation. Dated 8th December, 1886.

1st Dragoons, Lieutenant Hugh H. Robertson-Aikman, from the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), to be Lieutenant, vice C. P. L'E. Parkinson, resigned. Dated 8th December, 1886.

20th Hussars, Lieutenant Cecil Speid Soote, from the 3rd Battalion, the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), to be Lieutenant, vice H. Graham, promoted. Dated 8th December, 1886.

Royal Artillery, Colonel Cecil Brooke Le Mesurier has been placed upon the Unemployed Full-Pay List, under the provisions of Article 79-1 of the Royal Warrant dated 10th June, 1884. Dated 30th November, 1886.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel Henry Edmeades to retire upon retired pay, with the honorary rank of Major-General. Dated 21st December, 1886.

The undermentioned Licutenant-Colonels and Colonels to be placed upon half-pay, on completion of five years' service under the provisions of Article 80 of the Royal Warrant dated 10th June, 1884:—

Turner Van Straubenzee, C.B. Dated 21st December, 1886.

Edmund Staveley. Dated 21st December, 1886.

James Macvicar Burn. Dated 21st December, 1886.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel Walter John Finch (late Bombay) to retire upon a pension and extra annuity, with the honorary rank of Major-General. Dated 21st December, 1886.

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry de Stuteville Isaacson, from supernumerary to the Establishment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Colonel J. Ritchie (late Bombay), retired. Dated 22nd November, 1886.

Major Edward Willoughby Adams retires upon retired pay, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 8th December, 1886.

Captain Charles Edward Coffey, from the Seconded List, to be Captain, vice H. G. H. Galton, seconded for service as an Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces. Dated 25th November. 1886.

LINE BATTALIONS

The Devonshire Regiment, Lieutenant Albert Andrew, from the Essex Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice E. C. Townsend, seconded. Dated 8th December, 1886.

The Prince Albert's (Somersetshire Light Infantry), Lieutenant Thomas Moore Kirkwood, from the 8th Battalion, the Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own), to be Lieutenant, vice C. W. Napier, promoted. Dated 8th December, 1886.

The East Yorkshire Regiment, Lieutenant William Swinton Jacob, from the 1st Regiment Royal Guernsey Militia, to be Lieutenant, vice G. S. Morris, seconded. Dated 8th December, 1886.

Lieutenant Edward William Anketell-Jones, from the 9th Battalion, the Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own), to be Lieutenant, vice J. P. Hill, seconded. Dated 8th December, 1886.

Lieutenant Alexander Percy Dunbar Carmait Stuart, from the 3rd Battalion, the Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment), to be Lieutenant, vice A. F. Dawkins, transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers. Dated 8th December, 1886.