

by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Metropolitan Board (Commission) Act, 1883.

Billinghay and Metheringham (Light) Railway (Abandonment) Act, 1888.

South Indian Railway (Additional Powers) Act, 1888.

Kent Waterworks Act, 1888.

Assam Company's Act, 1888.

Isle of Axholme Railway (Abandonment) Act, 1888.

Lincolnshire Police Superannuation Act, 1888.

*Crown Office, April 30, 1888.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

*County of Lanark.—Mid-Division.*

John Wynford Philipps, Esq., in the place of Stephen Mason, Esq., who has accepted the Stewardship of the Manor of Northstead.

*War Office, Pall Mall,*

*1st May, 1888.*

3rd Dragoon Guards, Captain E. D. J. O'Brien, from the Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment), to be Captain, in succession to Major R. K. Parke, Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces. Dated 2nd May, 1888.

8th Hussars, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel Edward Eardley Lushington has been placed on retired pay. Dated 1st April, 1888.

17th Lancers, Lieutenant Harry William R. Ricardo to be Captain, vice C. H. Butler, deceased. Dated 7th April, 1888.

Gentleman Cadet Henry Cecil Noel, from the Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant H. W. R. Ricardo. Dated 2nd May, 1888.

Royal Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel John Fletcher Owen, from the Half-Pay List, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Colonel C. A. Gorham, placed upon half-pay, and to take seniority next to and below Lieutenant-Colonel H. de S. Isaacson. Dated 17th April, 1888.

Major Lewis Williams Taylor (late Bengal), to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Colonel H. H. Murray (late Bengal), retired. Dated 12th April, 1888.

Major Willoughby Bathurst Hemans, from Supernumerary to the Establishment, to be Major, vice L. W. Taylor (late Bengal), promoted. Dated 12th April, 1888.

Lieutenant Gilbert Edward Bryant, from the Seconded List, to be Captain, vice F. Beaufort, seconded for service with No. 1 Mountain Battery, Bengal. Dated 13th April, 1888.

Lieutenant Alfred Stokes to be Captain, vice T. Robertson, resigned. Dated 25th April, 1888.

Coldstream Guards, Lieutenant-Colonel Reginald Pole-Carew, C.B., from Supernumerary Major, to be Major, vice Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. M. Moreton, retired. Dated 18th April, 1888.

Lieutenant George Pleydell-Bouverie to be Captain, vice W. O. Corbet, resigned. Dated 25th April, 1888.

Gentleman Cadet William Henry Lambton, from the Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant F. S. Maude, appointed Battalion Adjutant. Dated 2nd May, 1888.

#### REGIMENTAL DISTRICTS.

Colonel John Fryer, C.B., having completed five years' service in command of the 17th Regimental District (the Leicestershire Regiment), is placed on half-pay. Dated 1st May, 1888.

Colonel A. H. Utterson, from Lieutenant-Colonel, half-pay, to be Colonel to command the 17th Regimental District (the Leicestershire Regiment), vice Colonel J. Fryer, C.B. Dated 1st May, 1888.

#### LINE BATTALIONS.

*The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment)*, Captain Stephen B. Moore retires from the Service, receiving a gratuity. Dated 2nd May, 1888.

*The Royal Irish Regiment*, Captain Alan George Chichester to be Adjutant, vice Captain Samuel Moore, who resigns that appointment. Dated 2nd May, 1888.

*The Cheshire Regiment*, Captain Arthur George St. George, from half-pay, to be Captain, vice J. F. Wyley, promoted. Dated 2nd May, 1888.

*The King's Own Scottish Borderers*, The promotion to the rank of Captain of Lieutenant J. Hope is antedated to 21st November, 1887, vice L. Gordon, seconded.

Lieutenant H. R. Wigram to be Captain, vice A. L. H. Mackay, retired. Dated 1st February, 1888.

*The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers*, Second Lieutenant William John Doveton resigns his Commission. Dated 2nd May, 1888.

*The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)*, Lieutenant C. Dalrymple Bruce has been seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 1st November, 1886.

*The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)*, Lieutenant Kenneth M. M. Cox to be Captain, in succession to Major J. B. Doncaster, appointed to the Staff. Dated 14th March, 1888.

*The King's Royal Rifle Corps*, Second Lieutenant Hugh B. Nicholson, from the Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment), to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant Lord Walter Fitzgerald, promoted. Dated 2nd May, 1888.

*The Highland Light Infantry*, Lieutenant Bertram L. J. Goff, Adjutant, to be Captain, to complete Establishment. Dated 2nd May, 1888.

*Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, the Duke of Albany's)*, Lieutenant Seymour C. Hale Monro to be Captain, vice J. Wallace, retired. Dated 25th April, 1888.

*The Royal Irish Rifles*, Lieutenant Herbert Stephen Swabey resigns his Commission. Dated 2nd May, 1888.

*The Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians)*, Quartermaster and Honorary Captain John McCann retires upon retired pay. Dated 2nd May, 1888.

*The Royal Dublin Fusiliers*, Captain Charles Duncan Cooper to be Major, vice R. J. Morrison, retired. Dated 18th April, 1888.