

*5th Battalion, the King's Royal Rifle Corps*, Captain F. E. Rooper resigns his Commission. Dated 18th February, 1891.

*3rd Battalion, the Durham Light Infantry*, Lieutenant H. C. C. FitzRoy resigns his Commission. Dated 18th February, 1891.

*5th Battalion, the Royal Irish Rifles*, Lieutenant E. A. Saunderson resigns his Commission. Dated 18th February, 1891.

*5th Battalion, the Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians)*, Second Lieutenant F. J. C. Howard to be Lieutenant. Dated 18th February, 1891.

*5th Battalion, the Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own)*, Major O. T. Duke is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 18th February, 1891.

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—

H. S. Bush. Dated 18th February, 1891.

A. E. Hodson. Dated 18th February, 1891.

A. O. Hood. Dated 18th February, 1891.

C. M. Burgess. Dated 18th February, 1891.

L. R. D. Smith. Dated 18th February, 1891.

*9th Battalion, the Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own)*, Second Lieutenant J. E. Gough resigns his Commission. Dated 18th February, 1891.

#### YEOMANRY CAVALRY.

*Suffolk (the Loyal Suffolk Hussars)*, Lieutenant A. W. Ruggles-Brise resigns his Commission; also is granted the honorary rank of Captain, and is permitted to continue to wear the uniform of the Regiment on his retirement. Dated 18th February, 1891.

#### VOLUNTEER CORPS.

##### RIFLE.

*1st Volunteer Battalion, the Worcestershire Regiment*, Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant and Honorary Colonel Sir F. W. Knight, K.C.B., is appointed to the Honorary Colneley of the Battalion. Dated 18th February, 1891.

##### MEMORANDA.

##### INFANTRY VOLUNTEER BRIGADES.

*Mersey Brigade*, Captain F. W. Blood, 1st Volunteer Battalion, the Cheshire Regiment, is appointed Aide-de-Camp to Colonel R. S. Shinkwin, Commanding the Brigade. Dated 18th February, 1891.

*Western Counties*, Surgeon and Surgeon-Major F. F. Lee, M.B., 1st Wiltshire Rifle Volunteer Corps, to be Brigade Surgeon, ranking as Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 18th February, 1891.

15 and 16 Vict. cap. 85.

WHEREAS on an application from the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the parish of Plumstead, in the county of Kent, the Right Honourable Sir George C. Lewis, Bart., then one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, did, by letter, dated the 20th February, 1860, signify his approval of a piece of land then added to the churchyard of that parish, pursuant to the Act 15 and 16 Victoria, cap. 85, on condition that burials therein were conducted in accordance with the official regulations for new burial-grounds.

And whereas the official regulations so referred to as in force at that date were as follows:—

I. The burial-ground shall be effectually fenced, and, if necessary, under-drained to such a depth

as will prevent water remaining in any grave or vault.

II. The area to be used for graves shall be divided into grave-spaces, to be designated by convenient marks, so that the position of each may be readily determined, and a corresponding plan kept, on which each grave-space shall be shown.

III. The grave-spaces for the burial of persons above twelve years of age shall be at least nine feet by four feet; and those for the burial of children under twelve years of age, six feet by three feet.

IV. A register of graves shall be kept, in which the name, age, and date of burial in each shall be duly registered.

V. No body shall be buried in any vault or walled grave unless the coffin be separately entombed in an air-tight manner, that is, by properly cemented stone or brick-work which shall never be disturbed.

VI. One body only shall be buried in an un-walled grave at one time, unless the bodies be those of members of the same family.

VII. No un-walled grave shall be reopened within fourteen years after the burial of a person above twelve years of age, or within eight years after the burial of a child under twelve years of age unless to bury another member of the same family, in which case a layer of earth not less than one foot thick shall be left undisturbed above the previously buried coffin; but if, on reopening any grave, the soil be found to be offensive, such soil shall not be disturbed, and in no case shall human remains be removed from the grave.

VIII. No coffin shall be buried in any un-walled grave within four feet of the ordinary level of the ground unless it contains the body of a child under twelve years, when it shall not be less than three feet below that level.

And whereas by section 44 of the said Act it is enacted as follows:—

“It shall be lawful for one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State from time to time to make such regulations in relation to the burial-grounds and places for the reception of bodies previously to interment which may be provided under this Act as to him may seem proper, for the protection of the public health and the maintenance of public decency, and the burial boards and all other persons having the care of such burial-grounds and places for the reception of bodies shall conform to and obey such regulations.”

And whereas on a representation made to me as to the present condition of the portion of the Plumstead Churchyard, approved as aforesaid, I have made inquiry, and am of opinion that it would be for the protection of the public health, and maintenance of public decency, that further regulations should be made concerning burial therein.

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby make the following regulations with respect to interments in the aforesaid portion of Plumstead Parish Churchyard in addition to the regulations already in force therein as aforesaid, viz.:—

IX. No grave shall be made within five yards of the southern boundary of the burial-ground.

X. Twenty-four hours written notice of any intended burial shall be given by the Sexton to the Sanitary Inspector of the District.

And the Incumbent and Churchwardens of Plumstead, and all other persons, are hereby