Foreign Office, February 25, 1893.

ON the application of the French Government, Her Majesty's Government have agreed that the provisions of Articles 7 and 9 of the Commercial; and Maritime Convention of February 28, 1882, shall not preclude the application of the French Law of the 3rd of April, 1889, by which navigation between ports of France and Algeria is reserved to vessels under the French Flag. Accordingly, on and after the 1st of May next, British ships will not be entitled to participate in this navigation, provided that the right to participate in it is withdrawn at that date from all other foreign vessels.

War Office, February 28, 1893.

HER Majesty the Queen has been graciously to confer the Volunteer Officers' pleased Decoration upon the undermentioned Officers of the Volunteer Force, who have been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrant, dated 25th July, 1892:-

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

2nd Durham (Seaham) (Western Division, Royal Artillery).

Captain Robert Laverick.

3rd Durham (Western Division, Royal Artillery). Captain and Honorary Major Henry Wilson, retired.

Captain and Honorary Major William John Dawson, retired.

Captain and Honorary. Major Herbert Todd, retired.

Engineer.
Fortress and Railway Forces. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

1st Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Honorary Colonel William Henry Allison. 2nd West Riding of Yorkshire (Leeds). Honorary Colonel Frederick Charles Trench Gascoigne.

RIFLE.

3rd Volunteer Battalion, The Northumberland Fusiliers.

Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph H. Bentham.

1st Volunteer Battalion, The Lincolnshire Regiment-Honorary Major and Adjutant Francis Charlesworth Kennedy, retired.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Lincolnshire Regiment. Major Robert Willam Staniland.

Surgeon and Honorary Surgeon-Major Edwin Morris, M.D., retired.

1st Volunteer Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment).

Captain and Honorary Major Francis Henry Anderson.

Honorary Major and Adjutant Charles E. Preston, retired.

1st Volunteer Buttalion, The East Yorkshire Regiment.

Honorary Colonel W. H. F., Earl of Londesborough.

1'st Volunteer Battalion, The Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment). Captain Francis Chapman, retired.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Princess of Wales's

Own (Yorkshire Regiment).

Acting Chaplain The Right Reverend Richard F. Lefevre Blunt, D.D., Bishop of Hull, retired.

1st Volunteer Battation, The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel Frederich D'Arcy Champney, retired.

Major William Barstow, retired.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

Honorary Colonel Henry Frederick Beaumont.

3rd Volunteer Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

Honorary Major and Adjutant William Cookson, retired

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Sherwood Foresters Derbyshire Regiment).

Captain and Honorary Major Herbert Brooke Taylor,

1st Nottinghamshire (Robin Hood).

Major Henry Edward Hunt, retired.

Captain and Honorary Major Edward Charles Buckoll, retired.

Coptain and Honorary Major F. W. Brooksbank, retired.

4th (Nottinghamshire), Volunteer Battalion, The Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire Regiment). Captain William Lambe Hushinson, retired.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

ARTILLERY.

1st Cumberland.
Captain and Honorary Major James Atkinson . Wheatley.

3rd Lancashire. Honorary Colonel Robert R. Jackson.

Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel John C. Thorn, retired.

7th Lancashire.

Captain and Honorary Major George Reece, retired.

Engineer.

Fortress and Railway Forces. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

1st Cheshire.

Surgeon and Honorary Surgeon-Major Charles' Hayes Higgins, M.D., retired.

1st Volunteer Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment).

Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel Thomas Kirkpatrick Holden.

3rd Volunteer Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment).

Surgeon and Honorary Surgeon-Major George Bretherton Barron, retired.

3rd Volunteer Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers. Honorary Major and Adjutant William Henry Weston, retired.

5th Volunteer Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment: Honorary Colonel General Sir Richard Wilbraham, K.C.B.

1st Volunteer Battalion, The Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Captain and Honorary Major Lleweliyn Adams, retired.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The South Staffordshire: Regiment.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel James Clark, M.D.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Prince of Wales's

Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment). Surgeon-Major (ranking as Lieutenant-Colonel)

Robert McNicoll, retired.

Surgeon-Major (ranking as Lieutenant-Colonel) Richard A. Gaskell, retired.