Privy Council Office, December 13, 1895.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894. OTICE is hereby given that, after the expiration of forty days from the date hereof, it is proposed to submit to Her Majesty in Council, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Act, the draft of an Order in Council for rescinding the Order in Council of the 30th January, 1893, on the subject of Ships' Side Lights.

And notice is hereby further given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Bules Publication Act, 1893, copies of the proposed draft Order in Council can be obtained by any public body, within forty days of the date of this notice,

at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall.

Whitehall, December 12, 1895.

THE Queen has been pleased to order a Congé d'Elire to pass the Great Seal empowering the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Chichester to elect a Bishop of that See, the same being void by the death of Doctor Richard Durnford, late Bishop thereof; and Her Majesty has been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor Ernest Roland Wilberforce, now Bishop of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of Chichester.

Whitehall, December 12, 1895.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Victor Franco, Esq., Chief of the Control Department of the Egyptian Customs Administration, Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Osmanieh, of the Fourth Class, which His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, has been pleased to confer upon him in recognition of his services while actually and entirely employed beyond Her Majesty's Dominions in His Highness's service.

(H. 9725.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, December 11, 1895.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated 11th December, 1895, from Her Majesty's Representative at Lisbon, stating that Rabat is declared infected with cholera from the 1st instant.

(H. 9728.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, December 11, 1895.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated 11th December, 1895, from Her Majesty's Representative at Tangier, stating that seven days' quarantine is imposed at that place on arrivals from Rabat, where there have been cases of cholera, and also from ports within 165 kilometres.

(H. 9729.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, December 11, 1895.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated 11th December, 1895, from Her Majesty's Representative at Madrid, stating that Tangier and Rabat are declared cleau.

A further Telegram of the same date (H. 9738) states that Tangier only is declared clean; Rabat

is still considered foul.

Admiralty, 9th December, 1895.

Royal Marine Light Infantry. THE undermentioned Majors to be Lieutenant-Colonels by Brevet, under the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 19th March, 1883:

Major William Thompson Adair. Major Edward Ernest Pyne. Major Howard Stanley Thompson. Major Alfred Oliver De Blaquière Nepean. Dated 6th December, 1895.

Admiralty, 10th December, 1895.

Acting Chief Engineer John William Agnew has this day been confirmed in the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 16th October, 1892.

Admiralty, 11th December, 1895.

Clerk Charles Reeves Bunbury has been promoted to the rank of Assistant-Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 22nd November, 1895.

Admiralty, 12th December, 1895.

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

Lieutenant Harry Dampier Law has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander. Dated 3rd December, 1895.

War Office, Pall Mall, 18th December, 1895.

5th Lancers, Major Frank J. Carandini is placed on retired pay. Dated 14th December, 1895.

LINE BATTALIONS.

The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment), Lieutenant Ernest F. Annand is seconded for service with the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 9th September,

The Leicestershire Regiment Captain Vessey T. Bunbury is seconded for service with the Egyptian Army. Dated 29th November, 1895.

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), Captain Herbert F. Churchill is seconded for service as an Adjutant of Volunteers. Dated 2nd. December, 1895.

The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment), The undermentioned Lieutenants are seconded for service with the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 16th October, 1895:— Charles H. B. Lees.

Francis D. Davidson.

The Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own), Major Edward B. Crake retires on retired pay. Dated 14th December, 1895.

Captain the Honourable Wenman Coke to be Major, vice E. B. Crake. Dated 14th December, 1895.

Staff, Major-General J. F. Maurice, C.B., Roya Artillery, to be a Major-General on the Staff to command the Troops in the Woolwich District, vice Major-General G. J. Smart, retired.

Dated 8th December, 1895.

Brevet Colonel H. W. Rooke, from Lieutenant-Colonel half-pay Royal Artillery, to be a Colonel on the Staff for Royal Artillery, and to have the substantive rank of Colonel in the Army, vice Major-General J. F. Maurice, C.B., Royal Artillery. Dated 8th December, 1895.