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FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1897.

Foreign Office, January 1, 1897.

OTICE is hereby given that, in virtue of the most-favoured-nation Article in the Treaty between Great Britain and Japan of the 26th of August, 1858, the benefits of Article 17 of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of April 4, 1896, between Germany and Japan in regard to the protection of patents, trade marks, &c., will be extended to British subjects.

Article 17 of that Treaty is worded as follows:—
"The Nationals of each of the High Contracting Parties shall enjoy in the territories of the other the same protection as natives in regard to patents, samples (including patterns), designs, trade and manufacture marks, firms and names, upon fulfilment of the formalities prescribed by law."

It has been further agreed between Her Majesty's Minister at Tokio and the Japanese Government that the provisions of the above Article shall be brought into simultaneous operation in both countries on January 4, 1897.

Downing Street, January 1, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Sir Virgile Naz, K.C.M.G., to be a Member of the Council of Government of the Colony of Mauritius.

Whitehall, December 31, 1896.

THE Queen has been pleased to order a Congé d'Élire to pass the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, empowering the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, London, to elect a Bishop of that See, the same being void by the translation of the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor Frederick Temple to the See of Canterbury; and Her Majesty has been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor Mandell Creighton, now Bishop of Peterborough, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of London.

Admiralty, 28th December, 1896.

Royal Marine Artillery.
Captain Herbert Slessor is seconded for service with the Egyptian Army. Dated 26th December, 1896.

Royal Marine Light Infuntry.
Captain Godfrey Estcourt Matthews is seconded for service with the Egyptian Army. Dated 26th December, 1896.

Admiralty, 30/h December, 1896?

Lieutenant on probation Percy John Delves has been confirmed in the rank of Lieutenant on the Supplementary List of Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 31st October, 1895.

Royal Naval Reserve.
Sub-Lieutenant Henry George Albert Timmis to
be Lieutenant. Dated 29th December, 1896.

Admiralty, 31st December, 1896.

Captain His Serene Highness Prince Louis Alexander of Battenberg, R.N., G.C.B., has been appointed Honorary Naval Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty. Dated 1st January, 1897.

The undermentioned Commanders have been promoted to the rank of Captain in Her Majesty's Fleet:—

Robert Kyle McAlpine.
Arthur Murray Farquhar.
Francis Raymond Pelly.
William Blake Fisher.
Ernest Alfred Simons.
Henry Peter Routh.
Charles John Graves Sawle.
Dated 31st December, 1896.

Frederick Livington Campbell.

Robert Stevenson Dalton Cumming.

John Rushworth Jellicoe.

Dated 1st January, 1897.

The undermentioned Lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet:—

John Francis Stuart. George Edward Beckwith Bairnsfather. Cortland Herbert Simpson, Evelyn Robert Le Marchant. Reginald Ambrose Cave-Browne-Cave. Clifton Sclater. Arthur Lindsay Hughes-Hughes. Frank Alexander Garforth. George Couper. Gerald Charles Adolphe Marescaux. Archibald Peile Stoddart. Frederick Charles Tudor Tudor. Honourable Francis Charles Bathurst Addington. Dated 31st December, 1896.