

*Scottish Office, Whitehall, May 4, 1897.*

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint Malcolm McNeill, Esq., Secretary to the Local Government Board for Scotland, to be Vice-President and Chairman of the Board, in the room of John Skelton, Esq., C.B., LL.D., who has retired.

*Education Department, Whitehall,  
April 30, 1897.*

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACTS,  
1870-1893.**

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued orders this day for the compulsory formation of School Boards in the undermentioned Parishes:—

Over Norton ... ..	Oxford
Thornbury ... ..	Gloucester

*Admiralty, 30th April, 1897.*

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

Lieutenant William Luke Brown has this day been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Sub-Lieutenant Andrew Stott to be Lieutenant. Dated 27th April, 1897.

*Admiralty, 1st May, 1897.*

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

THE undermentioned Gentlemen to be Sub-Lieutenants:—

William Harold Steele.  
Walter Melville Williams.  
Charles Kernot Sergent.  
William Morris Porterfield.  
Ferdinand Sanders.  
Ernest Barnes Cleaver.  
William Casey.  
George Alfred Smith Rodway.  
Montague George Philpott.  
George Baynall Sparrow.  
Richard William Broughton Blacklin.  
Dated 28th April, 1897.

*Admiralty, 3rd May, 1897.*

THE undermentioned Staff Engineers have been advanced to the rank of Fleet Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, viz.:—

Benjamin James Barnes. Dated 12th April, 1897.

William Henry Pibworth. Dated 18th April, 1897.

The undermentioned Chief Engineers have been advanced to the rank of Staff Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, viz.:—

Joseph Henry Pill. Dated 8th April, 1897.

John Alfred Hocken Hicks. Dated 23rd April, 1897.

*Royal Marine Artillery.*

Captain Aherd Yarker Barton is seconded for service as Ordnance Officer, Fourth Class. Dated 9th April, 1897.

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

Acting Sub-Lieutenant George Gregory has been confirmed as a Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 24th December, 1894.

*War Office, Pall Mall,  
4th May, 1897.*

6th Dragoon Guards, Second Lieutenant W. G. Home to be Lieutenant, to complete establishment. Dated 5th May, 1897.

7th Dragoon Guards, Captain William E. Danby to be Major, on augmentation. Dated 3rd April, 1897.

Lieutenant Cecil W. Battine to be Captain, vice C. W. Thompson, promoted. Dated 21st March, 1897.

19th Hussars, Lieutenant Wellington R. P. Stapleton-Cotton is seconded for service with the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 14th February, 1897.

20th Hussars, Second Lieutenant William H. Hewett is placed temporarily on the Half-pay List on account of ill-health. Dated 11th April, 1897.

Royal Artillery, The first Christian name of Major C. E. Goulburn is Cuthbert, and not as stated in the Gazette of 13th April, 1897.

The surname of Captain H. C. Russell-Oldnall has been altered to Oldnall only.

Captain Henry Orchard (District Officer) retires on retired pay. Dated 5th May, 1897.

The undermentioned Officers are seconded:—

Lieutenant William C. R. Farmar, for service with the Hyderabad Contingent. Dated 10th April, 1897.

Lieutenant Archibald F. E. Stiffe, for service as an Adjutant of Volunteer Artillery. Dated 14th April, 1897.

Lieutenant Robert C. Morris, for service with the Indian Ordnance Department. Dated 15th April, 1897.

Lieutenant Philip A. Skipwith is placed on temporary half-pay on account of ill-health. Dated 3rd April, 1897.

Riding-Master and Honorary Major Robert Donnelly is placed on retired pay. Dated 5th May, 1897.

Sergeant-Major Denis Aberne to be Riding-Master, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant, vice Honorary Captain R. J. Goode, retired. Dated 10th April, 1897.

Royal Malta Artillery, Surgeon Alfred Mifsud, F.R.C.S. Edin., from Royal Malta Regiment of Militia, to be Surgeon-Lieutenant (with local and temporary rank), and to be granted the local and temporary rank of Surgeon-Captain. Dated 1st April, 1897.

Scots Guards, Captain Sir Cuthbert Slade, Bart., retires from the Service receiving a gratuity. Dated 5th May, 1897.

Second Lieutenant Horace A. Hilton, from the Buffs (East Kent Regiment), to be Second Lieutenant, vice the Honourable G. G. Hamilton, promoted. Dated 5th May, 1897.

Second Lieutenant St. Clair A. J. MacLeay, from 3rd Hussars, to be Second Lieutenant, vice A. M. Southey, promoted. Dated 5th May, 1897.

**REGIMENTAL DISTRICT.**

Colonel Charles M. Stockley, C.B., Commanding 27th Regimental District (the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers), retires on a pension. Dated 5th May, 1897.

**LINE BATTALIONS.**

The King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment), Lieutenant Gerald L. Palmes to be Adjutant, vice Lieutenant J. M. A. Graham, who has vacated that appointment. Dated 5th May, 1897.

Sergeant Arthur Melville Jones, from the Welsh Regiment, to be Second Lieutenant, vice B. C. Kauntze, promoted. Dated 5th May, 1897.

The Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Second Lieutenant C. E. Etches to be Lieutenant, vice G. T. Young, seconded. Dated 3rd April, 1897.