

And the following on the same subject: from—

National Council of the Evangelical Free Churches.

South Glamorgan Divisional Council (D. 40) of the Primrose League.

Wexford, Grand Jury of the County of.

Metropolitan Association of Strict Baptist Churches.

Roscommon, Grand Jury of the County of.

Nottingham Liberal Association.

National Liberal Federation.

Scarborough Town Council.

Pimlico Branch, Church of England Working Men's Society.

Kerry, Grand Jury of the County of.

Limerick Protestant Young Men's Association.

Sussex County Agricultural Society.

Leicester, Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Borough of.

Armagh, Grand Jury of the County of.

New Winchester Rural District Council.

Hull, Annual Congregational Women's Conference.

Episcopal Chapel, Upper Baggot-street, Dublin.

Paignon Constitutional Club.

Brighton, Clifton-road, Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Society.

Liverpool Loyal Orange Institution, District No. 8.

Nelson Conservative Club.

Clare, Grand Jury of the County of.

Poole Battery of the Royal Naval Reserve.

King's County, Grand Jury of the County of, Ilfracombe, Lorna Doone Lodge of the Order of Buffaloes.

London, Aldgate, Ratepayers Committee of the Portsoken Ward.

Limerick, Grand Jury of the County of.

Monaghan, Grand Jury of the County of.

Barnard Castle Conservative Association.

King's Lynn, Islington Parish Council.

Carrickfergus, Grand Jury of the County of the Town of.

Donegal, Grand Jury of the County of.

Galway, Grand Jury of the County of.

Holyhead School Board.

Privy Council Office, May 14, 1897.

#### MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

NOTICE 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 directing that the Order in Council of the 18th day of August, 1892, shall be read and construed as if it referred to Article 8 of the Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea, in Schedule 1 of the Order in Council of the 21st November, 1896.

And notice is hereby further given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules 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.

Privy Council Office, May 14, 1897.

#### MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

NOTICE 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 applying to the Ships of certain Foreign Countries the

Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea, contained in Schedule 1 of the Order in Council of the 27th day of November, 1896.

And notice is hereby further given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules 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.

War Office, May 14, 1897.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Volunteer Officers' 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.

##### ARTILLERY.

2nd East Riding of Yorkshire, Volunteer Artillery (Western Division, Royal Artillery).

Captain and Honorary Major Thomas Charles Reynoldson.

Captain and Honorary Major Benjamin Septimus Jacobs.

##### ENGINEERS.

2nd West Riding of Yorkshire (Leeds) Royal Engineers (Volunteers).

Surgeon-Major Charles Richardson, retired.

##### RIFLE.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Lincolnshire Regiment.

Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Hutchinson.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The East Yorkshire Regiment.

Acting Chaplain the Reverend John Henry Wicksteed, M.A.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The York and Lancaster Regiment.

Captain and Honorary Major Charles John Stoddart.

4th Volunteer Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry.

Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Cook.

#### NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

##### ARTILLERY.

5th Lancashire Volunteer Artillery.  
Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Coupland.

7th Lancashire (The Manchester Artillery) Volunteer Artillery.

Quartermaster (Honorary Major) Edward Moreland.

##### RIFLE.

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

Captain George McDonald.

5th Volunteer Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment.  
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel William Richard Dambrell-Davies.

Acting Chaplain the Reverend James McLeod Banner-man, M.A., retired.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Worcestershire Regiment.

Acting Chaplain the Reverend Joseph Potts, M.A.

2nd (Westmoreland) Volunteer Battalion, The Border Regiment.

Captain and Honorary Major John Thompson.