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FRIDAY DECEMBER 17, 1897.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
December 16, 1897.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the Public on and after Thursday next, the 23rd instant, on every week day, Wednesdays excepted, under the usual Regulations, until further orders.

Privy Council Office, December 17, 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, from and after the 1st March, 1898, none but persons duly authorized in pursuance of certain Bye-laws and Regulations made by the Council of the county borough of Newport shall keep Seamen's Lodging-houses or let lodgings to seamen in the district of the Local Authority, including the Seaport of Newport, or in any part thereof.

And notice is hereby further given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules Publication Act, 1843, 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.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

*Chancery of the Order, St. John's Gate,
Clerkenwell, London, E.C.;
December 14, 1897.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to sanction the following appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—

Ladies of Justice (Honorary).

Her Majesty the Queen of the Hellenes.
Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Sparta.
Her Royal Highness Princess Marie Madeline of Greece.

Foreign Office, December 13, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Gonzalo Ramos Ruiz as Consul-General of Colombia at London: and of Mr. Johan Frederik Carøe as Consul of Denmark at Liverpool.

India Office, December 14, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr. John Foster Stevens, of the Indian Civil Service, to be a Judge of the High Court of Judicature, Calcutta, in the place of Mr. Henry Beverley, retired.

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*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, December 14, 1897.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the following copy of a Notice, from the Governor of Malta, viz. :—

Government Notice.

HIS Excellency the Governor, having heard the opinion of the Board of Health, has been pleased to modify Government Notice, No. 212, of 19th November, 1897, and to direct that the following regulations be observed, viz. :—

1. Any shipment of cattle, any part of which is found to be suffering or to be suspected of suffering from an infectious or contagious disease at the time of arrival or after a period of inspection, is to be detained in quarantine.

2. Should the existence of cattle plague be verified before landing, the cargo will not be allowed to land.

3. The importation of cattle, except horses, mules, and asses, from Egypt, the Province of Naples, Calabria, Sicily, Salonica, and Syria, is prohibited, and the introduction into these Islands of wool, hides, skins, horns, bones and hoofs from the above places, and from countries where epidemic diseases are prevailing, is likewise prohibited.

4. Cattle intended for importation into these Islands must be accompanied by a certificate stating the place of their origin and the fact that cattle disease has not prevailed in that place (with as far as can be ascertained the route followed from any inland station to the port of embarkation), during the three months previous to the date of embarkation. Such certificate shall be given by the British Consular Authority at the places of origin and embarkation, or if there be no such