

be withheld until a report has been forwarded to, and instructions issued by, the Department.

7. Clearance will be issued in all other cases in compliance with the provisions of law.

8. Collectors in doubt in any particular application for clearance will telegraph promptly the facts to the Department and withhold clearance until instructed.

9. The Department declines to give general advice to masters and owners of vessels, shippers, consignees, etc., etc. Any specific case requiring action by the Department must be submitted by those concerned to the proper officer of the customs, who, if in doubt, will communicate with the Department and await instructions before taking action.

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

Downing Street, May 16, 1898.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of the re-appointment of Emanuel Raphael Belilios, Esq., C.M.G., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong.

Crown Office, May 14, 1898.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Norfolk.—Southern Division.

Arthur Wellesley Soames, Esq., in the place of Francis Taylor, Esq., who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke Desborough and Bonenham, in the county of Buckingham.

Admiralty, 12th May, 1898.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Engineer John Johnston to be Senior Engineer. Dated 7th May, 1898.

Admiralty, 13th May, 1898.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant Henry Strong to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th May, 1898.

Admiralty, 14th May, 1898.

Staff Commander Walter Sandys Chambré has been promoted to the rank of Staff Captain in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 1st May, 1898.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant Henry Beresford Penruddocke to be Lieutenant. Dated 1st May, 1898.

Sub-Lieutenant Derwent Simmonds to be Lieutenant. Dated 13th May, 1898.

Midshipman Edward Arthur Woodward to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 13th May, 1898.

Admiralty, 16th May, 1898.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Commander Howard Fitzgerald Hay has this day been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Captain.

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

Cyril Peel.

Robert Henry Coppinger.

Dated 15th May, 1898.

War Office, Pall Mall,

17th May, 1898.

1st Dragoon Guards, Supernumerary Lieutenant Denham Parker to be Lieutenant, vice C. H. Tuthill, placed on temporary half-pay. Dated 25th March, 1898.

Lieutenant D. Parker resigns his Commission. Dated 18th May, 1898.

18th Hussars, Captain Edward W. Jaffray retires from the Service receiving a gratuity, with permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform. Dated 18th May, 1898.

17th Lancers, Second Lieutenant Robert A. Morritt, from 7th Dragoon Guards, to be Second Lieutenant, vice R. B. Sheridan, promoted. Dated 18th May, 1898.

18th Hussars, Gentleman Cadet Major Sefton Purdey, from the Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant H. C. Richards, resigned. Dated 18th May, 1898.

Coldstream Guards, Second Lieutenant H. F. Stirling to be Lieutenant, on augmentation. Dated 6th April, 1898.

Gentleman Cadet Arthur Collingwood Burton, from the Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenant, vice H. F. Stirling. Dated 18th May, 1898.

Royal Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Philip L. Macgregor retires on retired pay. Dated 18th May, 1898.

Major Ernest C. Wace, D.S.O., to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Brevet Colonel P. L. Macgregor. Dated 18th May, 1898.

Major George F. F. Shirreff retires on retired pay. Dated 18th May, 1898.

Major William Elliot retires from the Service receiving a gratuity. Dated 18th May, 1898.

The undermentioned Captains to be Majors:—
Aston McN. Cooper-Key, Inspector of Explosives, Home Office. Dated 18th May, 1898.

George F. W. St. John, from the Seconded List, vice E. C. Wace. Dated 18th May, 1898.

The undermentioned Captains are seconded:—
William T. Furse, for service on the Staff. Dated 18th April, 1898.

Archibald Crawford, for service on the Staff. Dated 1st May, 1898.

Henry B. Stanford, for service as an Instructor, School of Gunnery. Dated 2nd May, 1898.

Richard A. C. Wellesley, for service as an Adjutant of Militia Artillery. Dated 16th May, 1898.

The Honourable Harold W. Addington, for service in Uganda. Dated 18th May, 1898.

The undermentioned Officers to be Captains:—
Captain Robert S. Macgowan, from the Seconded List, vice W. T. Furse. Dated 18th April, 1898.

Captain William E. Wingfield, from half-pay, vice A. Crawford. Dated 1st May, 1898.

Captain Frank Aikenhead, from the Seconded List, vice H. B. Stanford. Dated 2nd May, 1898.

Captain Francis A. Randolph, from the Seconded List, vice R. A. C. Wellesley. Dated 16th May, 1898.

Captain John H. Chinn (District Officer), from supernumerary to the Establishment, vice W. Osborne, promoted. Dated 30th March, 1898.

Lieutenant Alexander F. S. Scott, on the Seconded List. Dated 18th May, 1898.

Lieutenant John G. Rotton, vice the Honourable H. W. Addington. Dated 18th May, 1898.