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Privy Council Office, November 17, 1899.

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 approving a Pilotage Bye-law made by the Trinity House with respect to the Pilotage of the London and English Channel Districts.

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.

Foreign Office, November 9, 1899.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Kametaro Iijima as Consul of Japan at Townsville; and Mr. H. E. Patterson as Consul of Siam in Natal.

Foreign Office, November 10, 1899.

A REPORT has been received by the Secretary of State for the Colonies from Sir Charles Mitchell, the Governor of the Straits Settlements, to the effect that General Otis, Military Governor of the Philippine Islands, has requested the United States Consul-General at Singapore to notify to the masters and agents of steamers clearing for the Philippines that passage tickets should be issued only to those persons whose papers have been visé at the Consulate-General.

Sir Charles Mitchell adds, that travellers to the Philippine Islands, via Singapore, should furnish themselves with Passports before leaving the United Kingdom, as strangers to the Colony will find it difficult to obtain British passports in the Straits Settlements.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, November 15, 1899.

ABERDEEN CORPORATION ACT, 1899.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed to be made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, nominating and appointing John Fleming, Esq., Lord Provost of the City of Aberdeen, to be Her Majesty's Lieutenant of and in the County of the City of Aberdeen.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to direct the issue of a separate Commission of the Peace for the said County of the City of Aberdeen.

The Queen has further been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, granting a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace to the said County of the City of Aberdeen.

Admiralty, 13th November, 1899.

THE undermentioned Engineers have been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet:—

- Henry Abbott. Dated 9th October, 1899.
- William Ryan. Dated 1st November, 1899.
- William Dennis Choep. Dated 2nd November, 1899.

Admiralty, 14th November, 1899.

THE undermentioned Acting Engineers have been confirmed as Engineers in Her Majesty's Fleet:—

- George Wormald. Dated 1st January, 1898.
- Thomas John Morgan. Dated 1st July, 1898.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 1st April, 1881—Fleet Surgeon Henry William Duffield Walsh has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 14th October, 1899.

Admiralty, 15th November, 1899.

Staff Engineer George Goodwin Goodwin has been advanced to the rank of Fleet Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 25th October, 1899.

Admiralty, 16th November, 1899.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 15th September, 1887—

Chief Boatswain George Martlew has been allowed to assume the honorary rank of Lieutenant on retirement. Dated 2nd October, 1899.

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Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, November 17, 1899.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Athens, intimating that eleven days' quarantine has been imposed on vessels leaving Austro-Hungarian ports on or after 12th instant.