The following appointments have been made to the Staff in India:

Military Department, Government of India.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel E. De Brath, Indian Staff Corps, Second Deputy-Secretary, to be First Deputy-Secretary, vice Colonel E. G. Borrow, appointed a Deputy Adjutant-General. Dated 1st April, 1900.

Captain F. G. Cardew, Indian Staff Corps, an Assistant-Secretary, to be Second Deputy-Secretary, vice Lieutenant-Colonel De Brath.

Dated 1st April, 1900.

To be Assistant Adjutant-Generals.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. B. Mortimer, vice Lieutenant-Colonel J. Sherston, deceased. Dated 16th October, 1899.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel H. R. B. Doune, Norfolk Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel R. M. Grenfield, vacated. Dated 5th April, 1900. Major J. S. E. Western, Indian Staff Corps. Dated 7th April, 1900.

Captain I. Philipps, Indian Staff Corps, to be Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Army Head-Quarters. Dated 1st April, 1900.

Major W. G. Hamilton, D.S.O., East Lancashire Regiment, a Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, to be Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General of a Command, vice Major W. E. Bunbury, whose tenure has expired. Dated 1st April, 1900.

Captain R. J. G. Elkington, Royal Artillery, to be a Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General Royal Artillery, vice Captain H. H. Butler, vacated.

Dated 19th April, 1900.

To be Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-Generals. Captain H. A. Iggulden, Derbyshire Regiment, a Station Staff Officer, First Class, vice Major

E. A. G. Gosset, vacated. Dated 13th September, 1899.

Major F. A. Wilkinson, Royal Fusiliers, a Station Staff Officer, First Class, vice Major E. L. Guilding, deceased. Dated 14th February, 1900.

Captain F. A. Dudgeon, vice Major W. G. Hamilton, D.S.O., appointed Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General of a Command. Dated 1st April, 1900.

Captain C. O. Swanston, Indian Staff Corps, vice Captain H. Hudson, whose tenure has expired.

Dated 1st April, 1900.

Major E. B. Dunsterville, East Surrey Regiment, vice Major C. F. G. Young, whose tenure has

expired. Dated 1st April, 1900. Captain V. B. Fane, Indian Staff Corps. Dated

1st April, 1900. Major C. M. T. Western, Royal Artillery, to be Assistant Military Secretary and Aide-de-Camp to Lieutenant-General Sir G. B. Wolseley, K.C.B., commanding the Forces, Madras. Dated 23rd October, 1899.

Lieutenant A. G. Stuart, Royal Scots, to be Aidede-Camp to Major-General M. Protheroe, C.B., C.S.I., commanding a First Class District. Dated 29th November, 1899.

Captain T. P. England, Royal Fusiliers, to be Aide-de-Camp to Major-General B. A. Combe, C.B., commanding a First Class District. Dated 31st January, 1900.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Derby.

Henry Walthall Walthall, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 18th June, 1900.

William Fenton, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 18th June, 1900.

EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCE.

ORDER of Secretary of State, No. 3 (e), dated September 23, 1899, adapting General Rules to the Packing for Conveyance of Explosives other than Gunpowder.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875 (38 VIC., c. 17). WHEREAS by Part I (section 33) of the Explosives Act, 1875 (hereinafter referred to as the Act), General Rules are set forth to be observed with respect to the packing of gunpowder for conveyance:

And whereas by Part II (section 39) of the Act, it is declared that, subject to the provisions subsequently in such Part II contained, Part I of the Act relating to gunpowder shall apply to every other description of explosive in like manner as if the provisions of such Part I were re-enacted in such Part II, with the substitution of that description of explosive for gunpowder:

And whereas by Part II (section 40, subsection 3) of the Act, it is provided that a Secretary of State may from time to time alter the General Rules relating to the packing of gunpowder contained in Part I of the Act, for the purpose of adapting the same to the packing of

any other explosive:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power aforesaid, I, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries

of State, hereby order as follows:-

Part I, Rule 2, of the Order of the Secretary of State, No. 3 aforesaid, relating to the packing of explosives of the 1st Division of the 3rd (Nitro-compound) Class, shall be amended by the addition of the following words at the end of the said rule:

"Provided that, with the consent of a Government Inspector, there may be substituted for the said inner package such arrangement or contrivance as shall, in the opinion of the said Government Inspector, secure adequate safety.'

M. W. Ridley One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office, Whitehall, September 23, 1899.

SHORE OR BANKS OF THE SEA IN THE VICINITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

REMOVAL OF MATERIALS PROHIBITED.

WHEREAS the Board of Trade, acting in pursuance of the Harbours Act, 1814, as amended by the Harbours Transfer Act, 1862. find it necessary for the protection of the Port of Portsmouth to prohibit the taking or removing of any shingle or ballast from the shores or banks of the sea between Hill Head Point and Blockhouse Point and between the Round Tower opposite Blockhouse Point and a point 700 yards east of the Coast Guard Station at Eastney, being within the said port.

Now the Board of Trade do hereby, by this Order, prohibit the taking or removing of any shingle or ballast from the shores or banks of the

sea between the points above mentioned. Courtenay Boyle,

Secretary to the Board of Trade.]
Dated the 20th day of June, 1900.

Note.—Any person removing shingle or ballast in contravention of this Notice is liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding £10.