India Office, November 25, 1902.

The following General Order, dated 1st August, 1902, publishing a Despatch from Major-General C. C. Egerton, C.B., D.S.O., regarding the part taken by the Waziristan Militia in the recent Mahsud Blockade Operations, has been received from the Government of India:

Field Operations.

No. 702. In continuation of G. G. O. No. 611 dated the 4th July, 1902, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct the publication as a Despatch of the following letter from Major-General C. C. Egerton, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., regarding the part taken by the Northern and Southern Waziristan Militia in the recent Mahsud Blockade Operations.

From Major-General C. C. Egerton, C.B., D.S.O. A.D.C., to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Punjab Command.—(No. 2047-B, dated Sunamarg,

Kashmir, the 12th July, 1902.)
In continuation of my former Despatch regarding operations against the Mahsud Waziris, I have now the honour to forward for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the correspondence marginally noted,* together with copies of reports by the Officers Commanding the Northern and Southern Waziristan Militias, on the services rendered by their respective commands.

2. I most cordially endorse the opinions expressed by the Commissioner on Special Duty and of the Chief Commissioner, North-West Frontier Province, as to the excellent work performed by these recently raised but already extremely efficient bodies of Tribal Militia.

3. Having now for the first time before me details of the work done by them, I freely acknowledge the value and excellence of the services rendered by these Militias, the more creditable to them by reason of their being so

lately raised.

4. I trust that His Excellency the Commanderin-Chief will agree with me in thinking that the efficiency and gallantry displayed by these corps is deserving of recognition by the military

5. I have already brought to favourable notice the names of Major R. Harman, D.S.O., and of Captain A. F. Ferguson-Davie, the Commandants, respectively, of the Southern and Northern Waziristan Militias, and I now beg to add those of Captain A. W. F. Knox, 5th Punjab Infantry, Adjutant, Southern Militia, whose services are repeatedly brought to notice by Major Harman, and of Captain F. E. Finnis, of the Northern Militia.

6. I presume that the native Officers and rank and file whose names are brought to notice will be dealt with by the political authorities.

Westminster, November 25, 1902.

This day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the . immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;

and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Appropriation (No. 2) Act, 1902. Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1902.

> Crown Office, November 28, 1902.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Orkney and Zetland. John Cathcart Wason, Esq.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, November 26, 1902.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, dated 21st instant, to direct a Commission to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, nominating and appointing Charles Barrie, Esq., Lord Provost of the city of Dundee, to be His Majesty's Lieutenant of the county of the said city.

> Scottish Office, Whitehall November 26, 1902.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, dated 21st instant, to direct a Commission to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, nominating and appointing John Ure Primrose, Esq., Lord Provost of the city of Glasgow, to be His Majesty's Lieutenant of the county of the said city.

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, November 25, 1902. Н. 16485.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Despatch, dated November 7, from the Governor of Barbadoes, intimating that St. Laurent Maroni (French Guiana) has been declared no longer infected, and that quarantine will be imposed on arrivals from Victoria (Brazil).

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, November 26, 1902. H. 16528.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from His Majesty's Representative at Trieste, enclosing the following translation of a circular issued by the Imperial and Royal Marine Board at Trieste, respecting preventive measures against infection by plague to goods imported from the Littoral of Jaffa and Gaza:—

By Decree of November 13, 1902 (B. L. J. No. 209), issued by the Imperial and Royal Ministries of the Interior, of Commerce and Finance in conjunction with the Royal Hungarian Government, and accordingly to the International Sanitary Convention of April 15th, 1893 (B. L. J. No. 69E, 1894), the importation and transit of the following goods and articles is -on account of cholera cases verified in the Littoral of Jaffa and

^{*} Secretary to Chief Commissioner, North-West Frontier Province, No. 254-N, dated Nathia Gali, the 25th June, 1902, and enclosures.