N.B.—Vessels that carry a doctor and pass through the Suez Canal without taking on board either cargo or passengers, will not be considered infected by contact with Canal Pilots taken on board from a disinfecting station or by coaling and provisioning at Port Said or Suez, under restrictions approved by the Chief Government Medical Officer.

The word "passengers," as used in this Notice, includes the crew.

By command, E. M. MEREWETHER, Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Secretary to Government.

Palace, Valletta, December 6, 1902. N.B. — The quarantine restrictions against arrivals from Port Said and Suez have been removed.

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, December 13, 1902.

П. 17404. 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 Lisbon, intimating that Hong Kong has been declared free from cholera since December 2.

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, December 15, 1902. H. 17449.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Quarantine Notice, dated December 1, issued by the Norwegian Government declaring Rio de Janeiro, Campos, and Victoria in Brazil infected with plague until further notice.

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, December 15, 1902. H. 17493.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated December 14, from His Majesty's Representative at Constantinople:--"Quarantine on arrivals from Alexandria raised to seven days, but against other Egyptian ports it is still five days, except that seven days' are imposed on pilgrim ships.

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896. Leighton Buzzard and Hitchin Light Railway Order.

The Light Railway Commissioners have submitted to the Board of Trade, for confirmation under the above-mentioned Act, an Order made by them for the construction of a Light Railway in the counties of Bedford and Hertford, from

Leighton Buzzard to Hitchin.

Any objections to the confirmation of the Order should be addressed to the Assistant-Secretary (Railway Department), Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., and must be lodged with the Board on or before the 10th January, 1903. These should be accompanied by copies of any clauses or amendments that may be desired to remove the objections, and copies of such objections and clauses or amendments should at the same time be sent to the Promoters' Agents named below.

Copies of the Order as submitted for confirmation may be obtained on payment of not exceeding one shilling per copy from Messrs. Fowler and Co., 28, Victoria-street, London, S.W Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens,

London, S.W., 16th December, 1902.

Admiralty, 11th December, 1902.

Royal Marine Light Infantry Captain John Beville Pym, Seconded List, to be Major on the Establishment, vice Peile, to half-pay. Dated 6th December, 1902.

Captain Horace Carlyon Evans, Supernumerary, is absorbed in the Establishment of Captains, vice Pym, promoted. Dated 6th December,

Admiralty, 12th December, 1902.

Sub-Lieutenant Kenneth Brounger has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 15th March, 1902.

The undermentioned Acting Sub-Lieutenants have been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet:

Percival Francis Willoughby. Dated 15th November, 1901.

John William Russell.

Dated 15th January, 1902. Clerk Cunningham Prior has been promoted to the rank of Assistant-Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 26th November, 1902.

Royal Naval Reserve. Assistant Engineer William Thomas Tucker to be Engineer. Dated 10th December, 1902.

Admiralty, 13th December, 1902.

Sub-Lieutenant William Wood Sillem has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet, in connection with services in South Africa. Dated 15th July, 1902.

Royal Marine Artillery. Captain George Edward Barnes is seconded for service as Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces. Dated 3rd May, 1902.

> War Office, Pall Mall, 16th December, 1902.

3rd Dragoon Guards, Second Lieutenant J. J. Adams is seconded for service with Provisional Cavalry. Dated 13th November, 1901.

5th Dragoon Guards, The promotion to the rank of Captain of Lieutenant Owen E. M. Saunders bears date 3rd September, 1902, and not as stated in the Gazette of 9th September, 1902.

6th Dragoon Guards, Second Lieutenant F. G. A. Couper is seconded for service with the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 23rd June, 1902.

3rd Hussars, Lieutenant George Landale to be Captain, vice B. Granville, seconded. Dated 6th October, 1902.

Second Lieutenant H. McDougall is seconded for service with Provisional Cavalry. Dated 2nd November, 1901.

4th Hussars, Second Lieutenant A. R. Steele is seconded for service with Provisional Cavalry. Dated 2nd November, 1901.

6th Dragoons, Second Lieutenant H. D. Stride is seconded for service with Provisional Cavalry. Dated 2nd November, 1901.

13th Hussars, Lieutenant Charles E. Jenkins resigns his Commission. Dated 17th December, 1902.

Second Lieutenant J. F. R. Vigne is seconded for service with Provisional Cavalry. Dated 2nd November, 1901.

18th Hussars, Second Lieutenaut G. H. Anderson is seconded for service with Provisional Cavalry. Dated 2nd November, 1901.