

wear the Insignia of the Second Class of the Royal Order of the Crown of Italy conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Italy.

*Whitehall, January 12, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Francis Newbery, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Royal Order of the Crown of Italy conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Italy.

*Whitehall, January 12, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Percy Athelstan Nightingale, Esq., M.D., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Royal Siamese Order of the White Elephant conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Siam in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Government of Siam when acting as Siamese Delegate to the International Medical Conference at Brussels.

*Whitehall, January 12, 1903.*

The Secretary of State for the Home Department has appointed A. Sclanders, Esq., M.A., M.D., to be a Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897, for the Sheriffdom of Inverness, Elgin and Nairn, to act for the county of Nairn.

*Foreign Office,*

*August 11, 1902.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Joseph John Nunan, Esq., of the Kings Inns, Dublin, Barrister-at-Law, to be a Judge of His Majesty's High Court of British Central Africa, and

George Francis MacDaniel Ennis, Esq., of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, to be a Judge of His Majesty's High Court of Uganda.

*Foreign Office,*

*January 12, 1903.*

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received a Despatch from His Majesty's Agent and Consul-General at Sofia stating that the Bulgarian Government have denounced the Commercial Agreement of the 12th/24th of July, 1897, between the British and Bulgarian Governments, which will accordingly terminate on the 31st of December, 1903.

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, January 9, 1903.*

H. 592.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated December 29, from His Majesty's Representative at Lisbon, intimating that Durban has been declared infected with bubonic plague, from 12th of December, and Alexandria declared free from cholera since 23rd of December.

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, January 9, 1903.*

H. 593.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated January 5, from His Majesty's Representative at The Hague, intimating that the following measures have been taken to prevent the spreading of the plague in Holland:—

"It is prohibited, excepting by permission of the Minister of the Interior and with due observance of the instructions to be given by him to prevent the spreading of infection:

1°. To search for the presence of plague germs in persons and merchandise by making experiments upon animals.

2°. To perform the operation of opening the bodies of persons who have died of the plague or are suspected of having had the plague.

3°. To convey substances which are plague germs, or are suspected of being plague germs.

Having read the advice of the Inspectors for the medical State supervision of 16th May, 1900; Has approved and sanctioned:

§ 1.

The examination of persons and merchandise for the presence of plague germs by making experiments upon animals.

Requests for permission for an examination of the kind may be made to the Inspector for the medical State supervision in whose district the examination is to be made.

With them must be given all possible information about the arrangements of the locality where the examination is to be made, and the precautions which will be taken at the examination to prevent the spreading of the plague germs.

Among others must be proved what precautions have been taken by the applicant:

a. To make the locality where the examination will be made, inaccessible to persons whose presence is not required at the examination, and to animals which are not used for it.

b. To prevent the escape of animals upon which experiments have been made.

c. To have the animals experimented upon properly killed.

d. For the persons, clothes and articles to be properly disinfected.

Further shall be declared what persons will be present at the examination, and information must be given about the ability, experience, accuracy and reliability of the persons who will assist at the examination.

The Inspector for the medical State supervision, after consulting (if necessary) with other experts, shall forward the request with his advice, as quickly as possible (if necessary by telegraph), to the Minister of the Interior.

§ 2.

The opening of the bodies of persons who have died of the plague, or are suspected of having had the plague.

Applications for permission to perform this operation may be made to the Inspector for the medical State supervision in whose district the operation is to take place.

With them must be given all possible information about:

a. The manner in which the substances taken from the body will be kept beyond the reach of animals which might spread the infection.

b. The manner in which the substances will be collected and made harmless.