

*Foreign Office,*  
*February 17, 1903.*

It is hereby notified that the Marquess of Lansdowne, K.G., His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received, through the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a telegraphic Despatch from Vice-Admiral Sir Archibald Douglas, Commander-in-Chief on the North America and West Indies Station, announcing that he has issued a notification to the effect that the Blockade of the Ports of La Guayra, Carenero, Guanta, Cumana, Carupano, and the mouths of the Orinoco by a British naval force, established on the 20th of December, 1902 (of which notice was given in the London Gazette of that date), is raised from midnight, 14th-15th February.

*Buckingham Palace,*  
*February 13, 1903.*

This day had audience of the King:—  
Baron Carl Nils Daniel de Bildt, to present his Credentials as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway.

*Whitehall, February 14, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto each of the undermentioned Officers and Gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Imperial Ottoman Order appearing against his name, the decorations in question having been conferred by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey:—

*Third Class, Medjidieh.*

Captain Hubert Alaric Bray, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Captain Edgar Herbert Armstrong, Lancashire Fusiliers.

*Fourth Class, Osmanieh.*

Hyla Edwin Brian, Esq., Egyptian Army Military School Staff.

*Fourth Class, Medjidieh.*

Captain Horace Hayman Wilson, Lancashire Fusiliers.

Captain Hugh Moore Hutchinson, D.S.O., Connaught Rangers.

Bandmaster (Second Lieutenant) Charles Franklin, Royal Irish Rifles.

Frederick Sturge Plunkett, Esq., Egyptian Army Military School Staff.

*Whitehall, February 13, 1903.*

A congratulatory Address on the occasion of His Majesty's recovery from His severe illness and on Their Majesties' Coronation has been received by the Secretary of State for the Home Department from the Governor, Stewards, and Brethren of the Fraternite of the Hostmen of the City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne for presentation to His Majesty, and has been presented accordingly.

*Whitehall, February 16, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Captain Robert Byron Drury Blakeney, D.S.O., Royal Engineers, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh, conferred upon him by His Highness the Khedive

of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him as Traffic Manager of the Egyptian State Railways.

*Whitehall, February 16, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint Richard Arthur Roberts, Esq., to be Secretary to the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, in the room of James Joel Cartwright, Esq., deceased.

*Whitehall, February 6, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased to grant unto Stephen Thomas Moore, Lieutenant in the 16th (Queen's) Lancers, third, but second surviving son, of Stephen Moore, of Barne, in the county of Tipperary, Esquire, by Anna Maria, his Wife, daughter of Wilmer Wilmer, late of Wilton-crescent, in the county of London, Esquire, by Anne, his Wife, all deceased, His Royal licence and authority, that he may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will and testament of the said Anne Wilmer, take and use the surname and arms of Wilmer in lieu of those of Moore, and that such surname and arms may in like manner be taken, borne, and used by his issue; the said arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And also to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in His Majesty's College of Arms.

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#### FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, pursuant to section 3 (3) of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that on the 4th February, 1903, he made an Order under section 9 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, defining what is sufficient and suitable sanitary accommodation within the meaning of that section.

Copies of the Order may be purchased at the Sale Office for Official Publications, Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, East Harding-street, Fleet-street, E.C.

Whitehall, 16th February, 1903.

*Factory Department, Home Office,*  
*February 11, 1903.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. T. Spurgin, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Ongar, in the county of Essex, is vacant.

*Factory Department, Home Office,*  
*February 12, 1903.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. W. J. Bell, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Appleby, in the county of Westmorland, is vacant.