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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1903.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
September 25, 1903.*

Notice is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed on and after Friday, the 2nd October, until further orders.

*Crown Office,
September 24, 1903.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

Parliamentary Borough of Rochester.

Charles Tuff, Esq., in the place of James Edward Hubert Gascoyne - Cecil, commonly called Viscount Cranborne, now Marquess of Salisbury, called up to the House of Peers.

*Crown Office,
September 22, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to present the Reverend Robert Russell Cobbold, M.A., to the Rectory of Hitcham, in the county of Suffolk, and diocese of Ely, now void by the death of the Reverend Alexander Ronald Grant, the last Incumbent, and in His Majesty's gift in full right.

*India Office,
September 7, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable the Lord Lamington, G.C.M.G., to be Governor of the Presidency of Bombay, in succession to the Right Honourable Lord Northcote, G.C.I.E.

Privy Council Office, September 25, 1903.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

Notice is hereby given that, after the expiration of forty days from the date hereof, it is proposed to submit to His Majesty in Council, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Act, the draft of an Order in Council approving certain Pilotage Bye-laws made by the Gloucester Pilotage Board as the Pilotage Authority for that port.

And notice is hereby further given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, copies of the proposed draft Order in Council can be obtained by any public body, within forty days of the date of this notice, at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall.

*Foreign Office,
September 19, 1903.*

His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from His Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg a Despatch, stating that in the case of persons travelling through Russia, without stopping at any point within the Empire, the *visa* of a Russian Consular Officer "to travel through Russia" will be accepted as sufficient both for the purpose of entering and leaving the country, without obligation to obtain the Police authorization to leave necessary in case of a stay in Russia.

*Foreign Office,
August 31, 1903.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Hugh Gurney, Esq., to be a Third Secretary in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.