

We humbly pray that Your Majesties may long be spared to rule over Your loyal subjects and that the Almighty in His infinite wisdom may grant Your Majesties many years of health and happiness.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

“I thank you on behalf of the Queen and Myself for the loyal Address of welcome which you have presented to Us, and for the good wishes which you express. I still retain a pleasurable recollection of My earlier visit to Holyhead, to which you refer, and if on some future occasion the time at Our disposal were to allow Us to pay a more extended visit than is possible under the arrangements for Our present visit to Ireland, We should be greatly pleased.”

ALIEN.

Regulations dated the 29th of April, 1904, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department for carrying into effect the provisions of the Naturalization Acts.

In exercise of the powers vested in me by the Naturalization Acts, 1870 to 1895, and with the consent of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. No Fee shall be taken for granting a Certificate of Naturalization and for registering the same together with the oath of allegiance in the case of an Alien residing in the United Kingdom and serving on British Ships.

2. These Regulations shall take effect as from the 30th of April, 1904; and so much of the Regulation of the 1st February, 1872, as relates to Fees shall be deemed to be modified accordingly.

3. The Regulations dated the 20th October, 1897, and the 4th August, 1903, are hereby annulled.

A. Akers-Douglas,
One of His Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office, Whitehall,
29th April, 1904.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

In pursuance of section 1 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for the Home Department proposes, at the expiration of 40 days from the publication of this notice, to make an Order under section 40 (4) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, extending the exceptions in that section which permit young persons to have the meal hours at different times, and to remain during meal hours in rooms in which a manufacturing process is being carried on, to male young persons employed in iron and steel foundries in the United Kingdom, and repealing the Order of the 14th July, 1903, which related to iron and steel foundries in Scotland.

Copies of the draft of the proposed Order may be obtained from the Factory Department, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.

Whitehall, April 28, 1904.

RANGEFINDERS FOR NAVAL USE FOR HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are prepared to receive proposals from persons who would be willing to submit for competitive trial Rangefinders, both large and small, for Naval use.

The conditions which the Rangefinders are required to fulfil, and also the conditions upon which the designs will be considered, will be furnished to bona fide inventors or manufacturers of such instruments, on application to the Director of Navy Contracts, Admiralty, S.W., subject to the applicants complying with the stipulations.

Full descriptions of Rangefinders proposed must be sent in not later than the 30th June, 1904, and inventors whose proposals may be approved for trial must produce the necessary instruments, complete, with instructions for use, within six months of date of notification.

Admiralty, 25th April, 1904.

Royal Marines.

Captain Hugh John Craig Gibsons, Royal Marine Light Infantry, retired (late Major, Royal Garrison Regiment), to be Recruiting Staff Officer at Birmingham, vice Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Joseph Cheetham, Royal Marine Artillery (retired), period of appointment expired. Dated 1st July, 1903.

Admiralty, 26th April, 1904.

Royal Naval Reserve.

In accordance with the Regulations for the Royal Naval Reserve—

Staff Paymaster John Mason Cumberland has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 25th April, 1904.

Admiralty, 27th April, 1904.

In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 28th March, 1903—Lieutenant Charles William Chipp has this day been placed on the Retired List.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Claude Francis D'Aguiar has been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 15th April, 1903.

Gunner Henry Berry has this day been promoted to the rank of Chief Gunner in His Majesty's Fleet.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant William Williams to be Lieutenant. Dated 25th April, 1904.

Assistant Engineer Thomas Evatt Wheatley to be Engineer. Dated 26th April, 1904.

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Rear-Admiral the Honourable Thomas Seymour Brand to be Commander. Dated 26th April, 1904.

Admiralty, 28th April, 1904.

In accordance with the provisions of Her late Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Commander Henry Preedy has this day been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Captain.

Lieutenant William Henry du Courroy Chads has this day been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander.

Sub-Lieutenant John Alfred Vernon Gravener has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 15th November, 1903.