Instruction or Instructions issued by His Majesty under His Sign Manual and Signet, and, until further directed, the Instructions in force for the time being as to the passing of ordinances by the said Legislative Council for the peace, order, and good government of the said Colony of Southern Nigeria, shall, so far as they may be applicable, be taken and deemed to be in force in respect of ordinances passed by the said Council by virtue of this Order.

VII. Subject to the approval of a Secretary of State, the Governor of the Colony of Southern Nigeria may appoint so many fit persons as, in the interest of His Majesty's service, he may think necessary to be Provincial Commissioners, Commissioners, Judges, Magistrates, or other officers, and may define from time to time the districts, within which such officers shall respectively discharge their functions.

Every such officer may exercise such powers and authorities as the Governor may, with the like approval, assign to him, subject nevertheless to such directions and instructions as the Governor may from time to time think fit to give him. The appointment of such officers shall not abridge, alter or affect the right of the Governor to execute and discharge all the powers and authorities hereby conferred upon him.

The Governor may, subject to confirmation by a Secretary of State, remove any officer so appointed.

VIII. The Governor may, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, suspend from the exercise of his office any person holding or exercising any office within the Protectorate of Southern Nigeria, whether appointed by the Governor or under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted, or which may be granted, by His Majesty, in His Majesty's name or under His Majesty's authority, which suspension shall continue and have effect only until His Majesty's pleasure therein shall be signified to the Governor by a Secretary of State. The Governor, in proceeding to any such suspension, shall observe the directions in that behalf given to him by any Instructions from His Majesty or signified through a Secretary of State.

IX. The Governor may, as he shall see occasion, when any crime or offence has been committed within the Protectorate of Southern Nigeria, or for which the offender may be tried therein, grant a pardon in His Majesty's name to any accomplice, not being the actual perpetrator of such crime or offence, who shall give such information and evidence as shall lead to the apprehension and conviction of the principal offender, or of any one of such offenders if more than one; and further, may grant to any offender convicted of any crime in any Court, or before any Judge, Justice, Magistrate, or other officer within the Protectorate, a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, or any remission of the sentence passed on such offender or any respite of the execution of such sentence, for such period as to the Governor may seem fit, and may remit any fines, penalties, or forfeitures which may become due and payable.

X. This Order shall be published in the Gazette of the Colony of Lagos, and shall thereupon commence and come into operation; and the Governor shall give directions for the publication of this Order at such places, and in such manner, and for such time or times as he thinks proper for giving due publicity thereto within the Protectorate of Southern Nigeria.

XI. The Orders in Council, and the Royal Instructions set forth in the Schedule hereto shall, from the commencement of this Order, be

revoked, without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

XII. His Majesty may from time to time revoke, alter, add to, or amend, this Order.

And the Right Honourable the Earl of Elgin, K.G., one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. W. FitzRoy.

SCHEDULE.

Order in Council of the 29th December, 1887, providing for the exercise of jurisdiction in territories adjacent to the Colony of Lagos.

The Lagos Protectorate Order in Council, 1901.

The Southern Nigeria Order in Council, 1899. The Southern Nigeria Order in Council, 1904.

Royal Instructions to the High Commissioner of Southern Nigeria, dated 1st January, 1900.

Privy Council Office, February 16, 1906.

Notice is hereby given, that a Petition has been presented to His Majesty in Council by the British Linen Company praying for the grant of a SUPPLEMENTARY CHARTER, to alter the name of the Corporation to that of "The British Linen Bank," and for other purposes. And His Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, notice is further given, that all petitions for or against such grant should be sent to the Privy Council Office, on or before the 21st day of March next.

Foreign Office, January 29, 1906.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Louis Angelo Falck, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for the Cantons of Schwyz, Uri, Unterwalden and Lucerne, to reside at Lucerne.

> Foreign Office, February 10, 1906.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

The Right Honourable Sir Arthur Nicolson, Bart., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.I.E., C.M.G., to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Court of His Majesty the Emperor of All the Russias;

The Right Honourable Sir Maurice William Ernest de Bunsen, K.C.V.O., C.B., to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Court of His Majesty the King of Spain; and

The Honourable Sir Francis Hyde Villiers, K.C.M.G., C.B., to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of His Majesty the King of Portugal.