

INCOME TAX.

Whereas it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the division of East Ward, in the county of Westmorland, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to His Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Shire Hall, Appleby, on Saturday, the 16th day of May, 1908, at 12.45 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax for the division of East Ward aforesaid.

Bernard Mallct.
E. E. Nott Bower.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House,
London, 7th May, 1908.

PATENTS AND DESIGNS ACT, 1907.

Surrender of Letters Patent under Section 26 (3).

Notice is hereby given, that Messrs. Sissons Brothers and Company Limited, have offered to surrender patent No. 23155 for "Improvements in the preparation of colour wash or distemper paints," of which they are the registered owners. Any person who desires to be heard with reference to such surrender should notify his desire to me, at the Patent Office, 25, Southampton-buildings, W.C., on or before the 8th June, 1908.

C. N. Dalton,
Comptroller-General.

Board of Trade (Marine Department),
Whitehall Gardens, S. W.
May 5, 1908.

The Board of Trade hereby give notice under the General Rules for Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties and Appeals and Rehearings, 1907 (Rule No. 20 (2) (b)), that they have received, during the month of April, 1908, the following Report of a Formal Investigation into a Shipping Casualty held by a Court in a British Possession abroad:—

Report of a Court of Inquiry held at Melbourne on the 17th, 18th, 20th, and 21st days of December, 1906, and the 11th and 12th days of March, 1908, into the cause of the damage sustained by the steamship "Afric," of Liverpool, Official Number 110537, when being navigated through Port Phillip Heads, Victoria, on 18th August, 1906.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, May 7, 1908.
H. 5912.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy

of a Despatch, dated May 3, from His Majesty's Representative at Brussels, enclosing a copy of a decree which appeared in the *Moniteur Belge* of the same date, removing the restrictions imposed upon arrivals in Belgian ports from Russia in consequence of Cholera in that country.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, May 7, 1908.
H. 5954.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated May 6th, from His Majesty's Representative at Constantinople:—
"Quarantine on arrivals from Alexandria reduced to 24 hours disinfection and deratisation."

Admiralty, 5th May, 1908.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant Bryan Peters to be Lieutenant.
Dated 2nd May, 1908.

Midshipman Claud Edward Holland to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 2nd May, 1908.

Admiralty, 6th May, 1908.

In accordance with the provisions of Her late Majesty's Order in Council of 29th June, 1895—

Lieutenant George Duncan has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander. Dated 4th May, 1908.

In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 19th March, 1908—

Engineer Lieutenant Allan Pettman has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 25th April, 1908.

Paymaster James Ernest Courtney Cox has been promoted to the rank of Staff Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 5th May, 1908.

War Office, Whitehall,
8th May, 1908.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Colonel (temporary Brigadier-General) Edward A. Altham, C.B., C.M.G., from Brigadier-General, General Staff, South Africa, to be a Brigadier-General in Charge of Administration, and to retain the temporary rank of Brigadier-General while so employed, vice Colonel H. R. Mends. Dated 1st April, 1908.

Colonel Richard B. Gaisford, C.M.G., from half-pay, to be an Assistant Quartermaster-General, vice Colonel M. E. R. Rainsford, C.B. Dated 3rd May, 1908.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

School of Musketry, Captain Reginald F. A. Hobbs, D.S.O., Royal Engineers, to be Officer for technical duties. Dated 1st November, 1907.