make such representation should have been given to the Incumbent and vestry clerk or churchwardens of such parish:

And whereas by the Burial Act, 1855, it was, amongst other things, enacted that it should be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time to postpone the time appointed by any Order in Council for the discontinuance of burials, or otherwise to vary any Order in Council made under any of the Acts recited in the said Act, or under the said Act (whether the time thereby appointed for the discontinuance of burials thereunder, or other operation of such Order, should or should not have arrived), as to His Majesty, with such advice as aforesaid, might seem fit:

And whereas the Local Government Board, after giving to the Incumbent and the churchwardens of the parish of Caistor, in the county of Lincoln, ten days' previous notice of their intention to make such representation, have made a representation stating that they are of opinion that so much of the Order of Her late Majesty in Council of the seventeenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, as relates to burials in the church and churchyard of the parish of Caistor, should be varied by substituting for the provisions contained in the said Order relating to the said church and churchyard the following provision, viz. :-

CAISTOR.—That, except as hereinafter provided, burials shall be discontinued forthwith and entirely in the parish church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Caistor, in the county of Lincoln; and in the churchyard, except as follows

(a.) In any vault or walled grave now existing in the said churchyard burial may be allowed subject to the condition that every coffin buried in such vault or grave be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented :

(b.) In any earthen grave now existing in the said churchyard the burial may be allowed of the body of any member of the family of the person or persons heretofore buried in such grave; subject to the condition that no part of the coffin containing the body shall be at a depth less than three feet below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave.

Now, therefore, His Majesty in Council is pleased hereby to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on the tenth day of April next.

And His Majesty is further pleased to direct that this Order be forthwith published in the London Gazette, and that copies thereof be affixed on the doors of the churches or chapels of, or on some conspicuous places within, the parish affected by such representation one month before the said tenth day of April.

A. W. FitzRoy.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

Chancery of the Order, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London, E.C., March 3, 1909.

The KING has been graciously pleased to sanction the following appointments to the Order I the convenience and advantage of the public that

of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England :-

As Knights of Grace.

Colonel James Cantlie, F.R.C.S. (from Honorary Associate).

Major-General Archibald Lewis Playfair.

The Right Honourable John Francis Granville Scrope, Viscount Brackley.

As Lady of Grace.

The Right Honourable Violet, Viscountess Brackley.

> Foreign Office, February 1, 1909.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint-

Reginald Gambier Macbean, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for the Island of Sicily, to reside at Palermo.

Downing Street, March 4, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Reginald Clifton Grannum, Esq. (Receiver-General), to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Colony of British Guiana.

Whitehall, March 4, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto William MacDonald, Esq. of the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Second Class of the Third Division of the Imperial Chinese Order of the Double Dragon, conferred upon him by His Majesty the late Emperor of China, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

THE FAIRS ACT, 1873. USK STOCK FAIRS.

Whereas on the 4th January, 1909, a representation was made to me, as Secretary of State for the Home Department, by the Usk Urban District Council to the effect that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the Stock Fairs which, commencing with the year 1905, have been held annually at Usk on the third Monday in the months of April and October respectively, should in future be held on the 20th day of April and the 29th day of October in each year—the old dates for the holding of the Fairs—or on the following Monday when the 20th April or the 29th October is a Sunday:

And whereas notice of the said representation and of the time when the same would be taken into consideration has been duly published in pursuance of the Fairs Act, 1873:

And whereas on such representation and consideration it appears to me that it would be for