Scottish Office, Whitehall, March 4, 1909.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 3rd instant, to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, nominating, constituting, and appointing the Right Honourable Lord Kinnaird to be His Majesty's High Commissioner to the next Meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Whitehall, February 13, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to grant unto David James Mason, of Kindowie, in the parish of Maidenhead and county of Berks, Doctor of Medicine, His Royal licence and authority that he may take and henceforth use the surname of MacFarlane in addition to and after that of Mason, and may take and bear the arms of MacFarlane only, and that such surname and arms may in like manner be taken, borne and used by his issue, the said arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in His Majesty's

said College of Arms.

Crown Office, March 5, 1909.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Parliamentary Burgh of Edinburgh (South Division).

Arthur Dewar, Esq., K.C., re-elected on appointment as His Majesty's Solicitor-General for Scotland.

Crown Office, March 8, 1909.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Hawick District of Burghs.

Sir John Nicholson Barran, Bart., in the place of The Right Honourable Thomas Shaw who has accepted the office of a Lord of Appeal in ordinary.

> Factory Department, Home Office, March 8, 1909.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. T. O. Mayor, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Bristol, in the county of Gloucester, is vacant.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1906.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department has appointed Otto Jackson Kauffman, Esq., M.D., of 22, Broad-street, Birmingham, to be one of the Medical Referees under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, for County Court Circuit No. 21, with a view to his being employed in all cases of lead poisoning and other industrial disease which may arise in the Circuit.

Whitehall, 8th March, 1909.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, March 8, 1909.

H. 3452.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the following Quarantine Notice, dated February 26th, and issued by the Governor of Malta:—

GOVERNMENT NOTICE. No. 43.

With reference to Government Notice No. 6 of the 5th ultimo, it is hereby notified that Beirout is no longer regarded as an infected place within the meaning of Article 1 of the Regulations made under the Fourth Sanitary Ordinance, 1908, and published on the 28th August, 1908.

By command,

E. M. MEREWETHER,

Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Secretary to Government.

Lieut.-Governor's Office, The Palace, Valletta, February 26, 1909.

ORDER OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL IN ENGLAND.

(Dated 8th March, 1909.)

Whereas by the 21st section of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874, it is enacted that the Registrar-General, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, may from time to time alter Registration Sub-Districts:—

1. And whereas it is expedient that Nuneham Courtenay Sub-district of Abingdon Registration District should be united with Sutton Courtenay Sub-district of the same Registration District, and that the enlarged Sub-district should be called and known as Sutton Courtenay Sub-district;

2. Now, therefore, I, Sir William Cospatrick Dunbar, Bart., C.B., Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England, in exercise of the powers given me by the above mentioned Act, and with the sanction of the Local Government Board, do hereby order and declare that the foregoing alteration shall take effect accordingly.

accordingly.

3. This Order shall come into operation on

1st day of April, nineteen hundred and nine.
Witness my hand this 8th day of March, nineteen hundred and nine.

Wm. C. Dunbar, Registrar-General.

General Register Office, Somerset House, London