Board of Trade (Harbour Department),

London, May 10, 1909.

H. 6884.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated May 7th, from His Majesty's Representative at Brussels, which states that a Decree, dated the 3rd May, declares that in view of the disappearance of plague in Venezuela, the Decree of January 22nd last, maintaining sanitary restrictions on arrivals from various ports and countries is repealed from 10th May.

MERSEY CONSERVANCY ACT.

Mersey Conservancy, 66, Victoria-street, S.W. 10th May, 1909.

I hereby give notice, pursuant to the 9th section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 110, intituled "An Act for better preserving the Navigation of the River Mersey," that I have received a notice from the Mersey Chemical Works Limited, given pursuant to the provisions of the above mentioned Act, of their intention to construct a sewage tank in connection with their works at Bromborough, Cheshire, in accordance with a plan deposited at this office, a copy of which notice is subjoined.

> G. S. Nares, Vice-Admiral, Acting Conservator of the Mersey.

To Vice-Admiral Sir G. S. Nares, K.C.B., F.R.S., Acting Conservator of the Mersey.

> Cairo-street-chambers, Warrington,

19th April, 1909.

In pursuance of an Act for better preserving the navigation of the River Mersey (V and VI Vic., cap. 110), we, the Mersey Chemical Works Limited, of Bromborough, Cheshire, hereby give you notice that we propose to construct a tank to receive the sewage from the three workmen's dwellings, workmen's latrines and W.C's. generally; such tank to be fitted with a valve for the discharge of the sewage during the first three hours of the ebb tide, the discharge being made through the 20" pipe laid across the fore-shore—permission for which was granted on the 14th January, 1909-the position of the line of sewers and tank being shown upon the ordnance map deposited together with this notice.

The valve regulating the discharge will be fitted on a cast iron plate, with indicator showing the state of the valve whether open or closed, this indicator being visible at all times.

It is proposed to commence this work immediately after permission has been granted.

Dated this the 19th day of April, 1909.

On behalf of the Mersey Chemical Works Limited.

William and Segar Owen,

Acting as their Agents.

Admiralty, 7th May, 1909.

In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 28th March, 1903-Lieutenant Michael John Ahern has been placed

on the Retired List. Dated 6th May, 1909.

The undermentioned Acting Sub-Lieutenants have been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet :--

Rupert Clare Garsia. Dated 15th September, 1907.

Robert Neville Stopford. Dated 30th May, 1908.

Rainald Hugo Burne. Dated 30th August, 1908.

Richard Eustace Hollings. Dated 15th September, 1908. Colin Sinclair Thomson.

Edward Charles Wrey.

Irving Montgomery Palmer. Dated 30th September, 1908.

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

Chaplain The Reverend Charles John Todd, M.A., has been placed on the Retired List at his own request. Dated 5th May, 1909.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant William Creed Harrison to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th May, 1909.

Admiralty, 8th May, 1909.

In accordance with the provisions of Her late Majesty's Order in Council of 1st April, 1881-

Fleet Surgeon John Jenkins has been placed on the Retired List at his own request. Dated 7th May, 1909.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Probationary Sub-Lieutenant Sharman Crawford Frederick Mason has been confirmed as Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 17th February, 1905.

Admiralty, 10th May, 1909.

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

Engineer Captain William Henry Bramsdon has.

- been placed on the Retired List at his own request. Dated 8th April, 1909.
- Engineer Commander Thomas Thorne has been romoted to the rank of Engineer Captain in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 8th April, 1909.

Ineaccordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 9th October, 1903-

Paymaster-in-Chief George Vernon Rashleigh has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 8th May, 1909.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant Arthur Murray to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th May, 1909.

Admiralty, 11th May, 1909.

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

Lieutenant Edward Matthew Hale has this day been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander.