

*Whitehall, October 29, 1909.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Joseph Thomas Last, Esq., Collector, of Zanzibar, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Second Class of the Order of the "Brilliant Star," which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

*Whitehall, November 1, 1909.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto The Reverend John Batchelor, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, conferred upon him by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

*Whitehall, November 1, 1909.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto William Elliot, Esq., Higher Normal School, Hiroshima, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Fifth Class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, conferred upon him by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

*Foreign Office,*

*October 30, 1909.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

The Honourable Francis Oswald Lindley to be a First Secretary in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,*

*November 1, 1909.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, dated 29th October, to appoint The Reverend George Adam Smith, M.A., D.D., LL.D., to be Principal of the University of Aberdeen, in the room of The Very Reverend John Marshall Lang, D.D., deceased.

*Factory Department, Home Office,*

*October 29, 1909.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. J. S. Dockray to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, for the Bishop's Stortford District of the county of Hertford.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),*

*London, November 1, 1909.*

H. 14151.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Circular, issued by the Bulgarian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, stating that by decree, dated 18th October, the Russian Provinces of Kieff, Poltava, Tauris, Ekaterinoslav, Yaroslav, Kostroma, Tver, and Samara have been declared to be contaminated with cholera.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),*

*London, November 1, 1909.*

H. 14246.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated October 27th, from His Majesty's Representative at Paris, stating that the French Ministerial decision of August 26th last prescribing, as a precautionary measure against the outbreak of cholera, the necessity for the presentation of Bills of Health bearing the certificate of a Consular Officer, by all vessels coming from Dutch ports, has been rescinded as from the 20th October.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),*

*London, November 1, 1909.*

H. 14248.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated October 31st, from His Majesty's Representative at Constantinople:—Two cases of plague reported at Adalia. Medical inspection imposed on arrivals at first Ottoman port of call.

*Admiralty, 27th October, 1909.*

*Royal Marine Light Infantry.*

Captain William Herbert Pryce-Browne to be Major, vice Daniel, retired.

Lieutenant Claude Leonard Eyre Muntz to be Captain, vice Pryce-Browne, promoted.

Dated 1st October, 1909.

*Admiralty, 29th October, 1909.*

Commander Frederick Armand Powlett has been promoted to the rank of Captain in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 19th October, 1909.

*Admiralty, 30th October, 1909.*

Sub-Lieutenant Kenneth Bamford Millar has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 15th October, 1909.

Fleet Paymaster Denham Robert Kelsey has been promoted to the rank of Paymaster in Chief in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 11th October, 1909.