notice of any minimum time-rate or general minimum piece-rate fixed by them, the Board of Trade shall make an Order (in this Act referred to as an obligatory Order) making that minimum rate obligatory in cases in which it is applicable on all persons employing labour and on all persons employed, unless they are of opinion that the circumstances are such as to make it premature or otherwise undesirable to make an obligatory Order, and in that case they shall make an Order suspending the obligatory operation of the rate (in this Act referred to as an Order of Suspension).

AND WHEREAS, on the 22nd day of August, 1910, the Trade Board established under the said Act for the Hammered and Dollied or Tommied Chain-making trade, fixed minimum time-rates for Hand-Hammered Chain Making and also fixed general minimum piece-rates for making Short Link Hand-Hammered Chain, and the rates so fixed are set out in the Schedule hereto:

AND WHEREAS the said rates have been in limited operation since the 22nd day of August, 1910:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers in them vested as before recited DO, by this Order, make the said minimum time-rates and general minimum piece-rates so fixed by the said Trade Board on the 22nd day of August, 1910, and set out in the said Schedule hereto, obligatory in cases in which they are applicable on all persons employing labour and on all persons employed in the said trade.

DATED this 23rd day of February, 1911.

Sydney Buxton,

President of the Board of Trade.

FIJI GOVERNMENT 4½ PER CENT. DEBENTURE LOAN.

N accordance with the conditions upon which the above Loan was raised, the principal of Debentures numbered from 896 to 923 inclusive, of £100 each, will be repaid on the 15th September next at this Office.

The Debentures will cease to bear interest from the 15th September, and the nominal value of all coupons for undue interest not delivered up with the Debentures will be deducted from the principal at the time of payment.

Crown Agent's Office, Whitehall Gardens, 1st March, 1911.

Admiralty, 27th February, 1911.

Artificer Engineer Ernest John Jeffery has been promoted to the rank of Chief Artificer Engineer in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 1st January, 1911.

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Admiralty, 1st March, 1911.

Staff Paymaster Felix Abraham has this day been advanced to the rank of Fleet Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet.

In accordance with the provisions of His late Majesty's Order in Council of 28th March, 1903, the undermentioned Lieutenants have this day been placed on the Retired List: -

Henry George Keenor.

William Samuel Weeks.

The undermentioned Chief Gunners have this day been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet:—

Frederick Elliott.

Frederick John Evea.

Gunner Frederick Foster has this day been promoted to the rank of Chief Gunner in His Majesty's Fleet.

en de la companya de Admiralty, 3rd March, 1911.

NAVAL UNIFORM.

In pursuance of His Majesty's pleasure the following change is to be made in the Regulations as to the wearing of Ribbons by Officers of the Fleet:—

Ribbons of Orders and Medals, to wear which private permission has been given, are not to be sewn on the coat.

This Order is to take effect forthwith.

War Office, 3rd March, 1911.

REGULAR FORCES.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Colonel Thompson Capper, C.B., D.S.O., from the Half-pay List, to be a temporary Brigadier-General to command a Brigade, vice Major-General C. C. Monro, C.B., who has vacated on promotion. Dated 19th February, 1911.

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry A. Anley, Army Ordnance Department, to be an Assistant Director at the War Office, vice Colonel H. W. Pearse, D.S.O., whose tenure of that appointment has expired. Dated 25th February, 1911.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lancelot C. Koe, from the Half-pay List, to command the Legation Guard at Pekin, vice Brevet-Colonel J. H. A. Anderson, whose tenure of that appointment is about to expire. Dated 28th January, 1911.

The undermentioned Captains to be General Staff Officers, 3rd grade, at the War

Alexander G. Stuart, 40th Pathans, Indian Army. Dated 23rd February, 1911.