

Whitehall, December 14, 1912.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Elena Josephina Emily, wife of Horace Prudentius Parodi, Esq., of Gibraltar, His Majesty's Royal Licence and Authority to accept and wear the Cross of the First Class of the Order of Naval Merit, which Decoration has been conferred upon her by His Majesty the King of Spain, in recognition of valuable services rendered by her to the sick and wounded of the Spanish Naval forces in the Melilla campaign.

Whitehall, December 14, 1912.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto John Elder, Esq., Chief Engineer in the Municipality of Damanhour, His Majesty's Royal Licence and Authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

*Downing Street,
14th December, 1912.*

The KING has been pleased to approve of the re-appointment of Tan Jiak Kim, Esq., C.M.G., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

*Downing Street,
16th December, 1912.*

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of John Henry Brown, Esq., and Alexander Campbell Nicholson McHattie, Esq., M.B. (Chief Medical Officer), to be Members of the Legislative Council of the Bahama Islands.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,
December 16, 1912.*

WILD BIRDS (SCOTLAND).

THE WILD BIRDS PROTECTION (COUNTY OF FORFAR) ORDER, 1912.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1889 to 1904, and upon application by the County

Council of the County of Forfar, I, the Right Honourable Thomas McKinnon Wood, His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, do hereby make the following Order:

1. The whole of the County of Forfar is hereby exempted from the operation of the Act of 1880, as to the undermentioned birds:—
All Gulls, Cormorant, Goosander.
2. This Order shall come into force on the first day of January, 1913, and shall be published in the London Gazette and in the Edinburgh Gazette.
3. This Order may be cited as The Wild Birds Protection (County of Forfar) Order, 1912.

Given under my hand and seal at Whitehall this thirteenth day of December, 1912.



T. McKinnon Wood,

His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, December 16, 1912.*

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The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated the 10th December, from His Majesty's Minister at Berne, stating that European Turkey has been declared to be contaminated with cholera.

Admiralty, 14th December, 1912.

The undermentioned Commissioned Warrant Officers have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet:—

Chief Boatswain George Albert Revington. Dated 16th November, 1912.

Chief Gunner John Reep. Dated 5th December, 1912.

Chief Gunner Arthur Askew. Dated 11th December, 1912.

In accordance with the provisions of His late Majesty's Order in Council of 28th March, 1903—

Carpenter-Lieutenant Thomas Ellis has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 4th November, 1912.

Royal Naval Reserve.

In accordance with the Regulations for the Royal Naval Reserve, the undermentioned Lieutenants have been placed on the Retired List:—

Edward Henry Pratt. Dated 29th November, 1912.