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Privy Council Office, 7th March, 1913.

"Notice is hereby given, that a Petition of Sir Robert Alfred Hampson' and others, Governors and Members of "The Liverpool Merchants' Guild," praying for the grant of a CHARTER OF INCORPORATION to the said Guild, has been presented to His Majesty in Council; and, His Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, notice is further given, that all petitions for or against such grant should be sent to the Privy Council Office on or before the 7th day of April next.

Board of Green Cloth, Buckingham Palace, March 5th, 1913.

The KING has been pleased to appoint-

Captain the Lord Arthur John Hamilton to be Deputy Master of His Majesty's Household.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, S.W., March 7, 1913.

The KING, as Sovereign of the Order, has been pleased to appoint Henry Farnham Burke, Esq., C.V.O., C.B., Norroy King of Arms, to be Genealogist of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

His Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Colonel Sir Charles Wyndham Murray, C.B., to be Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod of the said Most Honourable Order.

Crown Office,

March 6, 1913.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, and dated the fourth day of March, 1913, to appoint The Honourable Sir Robert John Parker, Knight, one of the Justices of the High Court of Justice, to be a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary under the provisions of "The Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1876," and to grant to him the dignity of a Baron for life by the style and title of Baron Parker of Waddington, of Waddington in the county of York.

Treasury Chambers, March 5, 1913.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are pleased to appoint Sir Thomas Henry Elliott, K.C.B., Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint, to be ex-officio Engraver of His Majesty's Seals.

Foreign Office, March 6, 1913.

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With reference to the notification which appeared in the London Gazette of the 4th ultimo His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received a despatch from His Majesty's Minister at Sofia reporting that the Administration of the port of Bourgas have advised Agents of Shipping that the port is now open. Such Agents are, however, twentyfour hours before the arrival of a vessel, to inform the Administration of the port, in order that the latter may send a pilot boat five miles to the east of Megalonissi (off Sizopolis) to pilot her in without striking on any mine.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1906.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department gives notice that in consequence of the death of Dr. A. McArthur, of Bridgend, Islay, and Dr. W. A. McLachlan, of Dumbarton, the appointments held by them of Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, are vacant. Dr. McArthur was attached more particularly to the Dunoon and Inverary District of the Sheriffdom of Argyll, and Dr. McLachlan to the Dumbarton District of the Sheriffdom of Stirling, Dumbarton and Clackmannan. Applications for the vacant posts should be addressed to the Private Secretary, Scottish Office, and should reach him not later than the 29th March.

Whitehall, 5th March, 1913.

AUXILIARY HOME at 26, Village Street, Liverpool, known as "Nugent House," in connection with the Refuge for Roman Catholic Boys, 62, St. Anne Street, Liverpool, and the Orphanage Industrial School for Roman Catholic Boys, Beacon Lane, Liverpool.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that he has this day certified as an Auxiliary Home in connection with the Boys' Refuge Industrial School, 62, St. Anne Street, Liverpool, and the Beacon Lane Orphanage Industrial School, Liverpool, the premises No. 26, Village Street, Liverpool, known as "Nugent House," in lieu of the premises No. 8, Canterbury Street, Liverpool, which were certified as an Auxiliary Home on the 11th February, 1910.

Home on the 11th February, 1910. The Certificate allows of the reception of twelve boys into the Home.

Whitehall, 24th February, 1913.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, March 6, 1913. H. 3077.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated the 25th February, from His Majesty's Consul-General at Alexan-