

and benefit of the public." The large number of students and visitors who come within these walls each year bear testimony to the useful part which the institution plays in the national life, and the many foreigners from all parts of the world who take advantage of the facilities the Museum offers, justify its claim to rank among the greatest institutions of its kind.

The Museum has always received, and will, I am sure, continue to receive, the generous support of the Government, but it has also profited to a remarkable degree by the public-spirited liberality of many generations of individual benefactors, to whom the nation owes a debt of gratitude.

The new galleries which we are met to open to-day form a worthy addition to one of the noblest public buildings of My Capital. They will enable your ever-growing collections to be displayed to more advantage, and will provide better accommodation for students and for the work of the staff, and will thus, I trust, extend and enhance the influence of the Museum as one of the chief educational agencies of the world.

I accept with pleasure the beautiful album illustrating the architectural development of the Museum. I desire to assure you of My strong personal interest in the work and development of the Museum, which will, I am confident, ever maintain the traditions of a great past, and will go forward to a future of even wider usefulness.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, S.W.,
19th May, 1914.*

Notice is hereby given, that the announcement, dated the 20th March last, that the King's Birthday will be celebrated on Monday, the 22nd June next, should have referred only to London and Home Stations, with the exception of the Island of Guernsey.

RULES PUBLICATION ACT, 1913.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice of a new Order amending the Treasury Order regulating fees in County Courts, dated the 30th day of December, 1903 as amended by Treasury Orders dated the 30th day of May, 1907, the 7th day of July, 1909, the 15th day of May, 1912, and the 18th day of November, 1913; and they hereby certify that on account of urgency such Order should come into immediate operation as a Provisional Order.

Any public body may obtain copies of the draft Order on application to the County Courts Department, Whitehall, London, S.W.

*Treasury,
18th May, 1914.*

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank

of England, on Monday, the 25th inst., at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Acts 40 Vic., cap. 2, and 52 Vic., cap. 6, to the amount of £1,500,000 in replacement of Bills falling due on the 29th instant.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1,000, £5,000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 29th May, 1914, and will be payable at six months after date, viz.: on the 29th November, 1914.

3. *The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for, and the Tenders of private individuals must be made through a London banker.*

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Tuesday, the 26th inst., and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock on Friday, the 29th May, 1914.

6. Persons tendering for Bills are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Acts 22 George III, cap. 45, and 41 George III, cap. 52, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such Bills.

The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by an incorporated trading company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the company.

7. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

*Treasury Chambers,
19th May, 1914.*

*Foreign Office,
April 1, 1914.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Arthur David Alban, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for the Consular District of Cairo, that is, in the Delta of the Nile, the Provinces of Galioubieh, Dakahlieh, Menoufieh and Charkieh, and the whole of Upper Egypt to the 22nd parallel of North Latitude, excluding the maritime portion of the Mudiria of Keneh, to reside at Cairo;

Frederick George Freeman, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for all the coastline of Egypt east of Damietta light to El Arish, the Gouvernerates of the Suez Canal and of Suez, the maritime portion of the Mudiria of Keneh, and the Sinai Peninsula, to reside at Port Said; and

Alfred Dickson, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul at Bengasi.

*Factory Department, Home Office,
May 15, 1914.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. R. B. Thompson to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts for the Brixham District of the county of Devon.