Downing Street, 4th January, 1928.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Humphrey Trice Martin, Esq. (Commissioner of Lands and Commissioner of Local Government) to be a Nominated Official Member of the Executive Council of the Colony of Kenya.

> Board of Trade, Mercantile Marine Department, 20, Great Smith Street, S.W. 1. 2nd January, 1928.

The Board of Trade hereby give notice under the General Rules for Forma! Investigations into Shipping Casualties and Appeals and Rehearings, 1923, that they have received during the month of December, 1927, the following Reports of Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties held by Courts in British Self-Governing Dominions, Crown Colonies and Possessions Abroad:

- 1. s.s "Shahzada."
 2. steam launch "Dundee" and s.s. " Ashmani.
 - 3. s.s. "Notanda:."
- 4. m.v. "Koolinda."
 5. s.s. "Newton Pine"
 "Canadian Runner." and
- 6. steam launch "Lady Sybil" steam launch " Cheetah."

7. s.s. "Fair Helga."

Admiralty, 2nd January, 1928. R.N.

Rear Admiral W. D. Paton, C.B., D.S.O. M.V.O., has been placed on the Retired List. 1st Jan. 1928.

Consequent thereon, Captain B. Curtis, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., has been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral in His Majesty's Fleet from the same date.

R.N.R.

Lieut.-Comdr. G. S. Blenkins placed on Retd. List. 30th Dec. 1927.

R.N.V.R.

Surg. Lieut. R. Hall to be Surg. Lieut .-Comdr. 28th Dec. 1927.

Admiralty, 3rd January, 1928.

Comdr. P. B. Crohan placed on Retd. List at own request with rank of Capt. 31st Dec. 1927.

Surg. Comdr. L. F. Cope, O.B.E., placed on Retd. List with rank of Surg. Capt. 3rd Jan. 1928.

Wt. Engr. J. Manley to be Cd. Engr. 1st Jan. 1923.

Lieut. (Retd.) E. G. Robertson to be Lieut. Comdr. (Retd.) with seny. of 14th Dec.

.. 1927.

Lieuts. (Retd.) to be Lieut.-Comdrs. (Retd). with seny. stated:---

M. H. Lawrence.

J. Davis.

28th Dec. 1927.

R.N.R.

Cd. Engr. E. A. Stockwell placed on Retd. List with rank of Engr. Lieut. 29th Dec. 1927.

Admiralty, 4th January, 1928. R.N.

Cd. Engr. W. M. Sutton, D.S.C., placed on

Retd. List. 4th Jan. 1928. Cd. Engr. R. K. Weir to be Lieut. (E). 30th Dec. 1927.

R.N.R.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Decoration to the following officers:

Lieut.-Comdr. J. Vivian. Paymr. Lieut.-Comdr. B. Perkins.

R.N.V.R.

Proby. Surg. Lieut. R. L. Stubbs to be Surg. Lieut. with seny. of 8th Oct. 1926.

Admiralty, 5th January, 1928. R.N.

The Rev. F. N. Chamberlain, A.K.C., to be Chaplain. 5th Jan. 1928.

War Office, 6th January, 1928.

REGULAR FORCES.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

A. A. & Q.M.G.—Col. E. C. Gepp, D.S.O., relinquishes his appt. 28th Nov. 1927.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Maj. W. Gordon, D.S.O., retires on ret. pay on account of ill-health. 31st Dec.

Capt. G. de V. Welchman, O.B.E., is seed, whilst holding the appt. of Capt. Instr. in Gunn. 9th Dec. 1927. Capt. W. P. A. Robinson, M.C., to be

Adjt., vice Capt. D. H. Lee. 1st Jan. 1928.

Corps of Royal Engineers.

Maj. B. H. Fox retires on an Ind. Pension 7th Jan. 1928, and is granted the rank of Lt. Col.

Capt. A. Mason, M.C., to be Maj. 17th Dec. 1927.

Lt. M. Hotine to be Capt. 7th Jan. 1928.

FOOT GUARDS.

W. G'ds.-Lt. C. R. Wigan, M.C., to be Capt. 17th Dec. 1927.