

Windsor Castle, December 12, 1877.

THIS day had audience of Her Majesty :—

Quo-Ta-jên, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the Emperor of China, to deliver new Credentials;

Señor Don José Maria Torres Caicedo, Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Salvador; and

The Honourable Henry E. P. Carter, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of the Hawaiian Islands;

To which audience they were respectively introduced by the Earl of Derby, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Foreign Office, December 4, 1877.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Ralph Milbanke, Esq., now a Third Secretary, to be a Second Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

India Office, December 13, 1877.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Henry Stewart Cunningham, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be a Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William, in Bengal, in the room of A. G. Macpherson, Esq., who has resigned.

Admiralty, 11th December, 1877.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, and 30th April, 1877—
Chief Inspector of Machinery Thomas T. Murray has been placed on the Retired List from the 2nd instant.

The undermentioned Assistant-Engineers have been promoted to the rank of Engineers in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority as stated against their names :—

Joseph Organ, 17th November, 1877.

William Cook, 19th November, 1877.

William Samuel Stribling, 23rd November, 1877.

Admiralty, 13th December, 1877.

Engineer Peter Eckford has been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 1st instant.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
14th December, 1877.*

Staff College, Major-General Sir Archibald Alison, Bart., K.C.B., to be Commandant, vice Major-General Edward Bruce Hamley, C.B., Royal Artillery, whose period of service in that appointment has expired. Dated 1st January, 1878.

Staff, Brevet Colonel George Byng Harman, upon half-pay as Lieutenant-Colonel, late of a Brigade Depot, from Assistant-Adjutant and Quartermaster-General at Aldershot, to be Deputy Adjutant-General in Ireland, vice Brevet Colonel Sir Archibald Alison, Bart., K.C.B., promoted to Major-General. Dated 1st January, 1878.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Warwick.

James Cove Jones, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.
Dated 8th December, 1877.

Whitehall, November 30, 1877.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed William Holmes, of No. 20, Threadneedle-street, in the city of London, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the Supreme Court of Judicature in England.

Whitehall, November 5, 1877.

The Right Honourable John Duke, Lord Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed Gluin Pridham, of 32, Craven-street, Charing Cross, in the county of Middlesex, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Middlesex and the cities of London and Westminster.

The Right Honourable John Duke, Lord Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has also appointed William John Woolcombe, of Plymouth, in the county of Devon, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Devon.

39 and 40 Vict., cap. 29.

WHEREAS application has been made to me, the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by the Justices of the Peace for the county of Brecon, in Quarter Sessions assembled, to vary the time during which the killing, wounding, and taking of wild fowl is prohibited by the Act 39 and 40 Vic., cap. 29, as regards the said county: I do hereby, in virtue of the power conferred on me by section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, by this Order under my hand, vary the time during which it is prohibited to kill, wound, and take wild fowl in the county of Brecon; and do order that the time during which it is prohibited to kill, wound, and take wild fowl in the said county shall be varied so as to be from the first day of March to the first day of August in each year.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 10th day of December, 1877.

Richard Assheton Cross.

THE FAIRS ACT, 1871.

LINTON FAIR.

IN pursuance of the above-mentioned Act, I, the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, hereby notify as follows:

1. By Memorial, dated the 7th day of November, 1877, a representation has been duly made to me by the Justices acting in the Linton Petty