

India Office, January 2, 1882.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to nominate and appoint—
 Henry Lucius Dampier, Esq., Bengal Civil Service, Member of the Board of Revenue, Bengal, and Member of the Legislative Council of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,
 Major-General John Augustus Fuller, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Northern Division, Bombay,
 John Lambert, Esq., Deputy Commissioner of Police, Calcutta,
 Rao Bahadur Mahadeo Vasudeo Barvé, State Karbhari, Kolhapur,
 George Felton Mathew, Esq., Traffic Superintendent, Indus Valley State Railway,
 Harry Marten, Esq., Examiner of Accounts, North Western Provinces,
 William Patrick Andrew, Esq.,
 Mirza Abbas Khan, British Agent at Meshed,
 Rao Bahadur Tantia Gorey, Minister of the Dewas State,
 Rai Hittu Ram, Assistant in the Political Agency, Khelat,
 Abdul Hak, Assistant Commissioner, Berar,
 Khan Bahadur Saiyad Aulad Husain, Assistant Commissioner, Central Provinces,
 Khan Bahadur Pestonji Jahangir, on special duty at Baroda,
 Honorary Captain John Robertson, Assistant Accountant-General, Military Department, Calcutta,
 to be Companions of the Order of the Indian Empire.

Foreign Office, December 14, 1881.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Richard Wilkinson, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Malaga, to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Philippine Islands, to reside at Manila; and Charles Toll Bidwell, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Porto Rico, to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Provinces of Malaga, Almeria, Granada, Jaen, and Murcia, to reside at Malaga.

Foreign Office, December 29, 1881.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. J. Janni as Consul at Bombay for His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway; and of Mr. José Calatayud Y. Garcia as Vice-Consul at Liverpool for His Majesty the King of Spain.

Downing Street, January 2, 1882.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint John MacDougall Gibson, Esq., to be Substitute-Procureur and Advocate-General for the Colony of Mauritius.

Downing Street, January 2, 1882.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint William Henry Jones, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Barbados.

Whitehall, January 2, 1882.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant the place of one of the Lords of Session in Scotland to Alexander Smith Kinnear, Esq., LL.D., Dean of the Faculty of Advocates, in the room of John Marshall, Esq. (Lord Curriehill), deceased.

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Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, January 2, 1882.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the "Albert Medal of the Second Class" upon—

MR. FRANCIS PITTS, Chief Officer of the steamship "Pleiades," of Liverpool.

The following are the details of the heroic and gallant act for which the decoration has been conferred:—

At about 7 A.M., on the 30th May last, while the "Pleiades" was running before a very heavy south-westerly gale an able seaman was washed overboard. Three life buoys were at once thrown to him, and the engines slowed. Soon after the lookout man reported him to be on the starboard beam, but owing to the tremendous sea that was running the Master deemed it unsafe to lower a boat, and for the same reason it was impossible, without imperilling the ship, to turn her in the direction of the man.

The Master then, knowing MR. PITTS to be a fair swimmer, called upon him to attempt the rescue of the man by swimming to him with a line. Without a moment's hesitation MR. PITTS jumped overboard with the line, but after going about 300 yards he was obliged to let go the line and swim towards the ship. So great was the force of the waves that he was carried past the ship and was not rescued without much difficulty. When taken out of the sea he was quite exhausted.

Admiralty, 30th December, 1881.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 1st April, 1881—
 Fleet Surgeon Robert Humphrys, R.N., has this day been placed on the Retired List of his rank.

Admiralty, 31st December, 1881.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 5th August, 1875, the undermentioned promotions have this day been made:—

Rear-Admiral Frederick Henry Stirling to be Vice-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Captains:

William Henry Edye,
 Arthur Thomas Thrupp,
 to be Rear-Admirals in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Consequent on the above the following promotion on the Retired List has this day taken place:—
 Captain John Laisné Perry to be Rear-Admiral on the Retired List.

The following promotions have also taken place on the Active List, with seniority of 31st December, 1881:—

Commanders:

John Edward Stokes,
 Honourable Edward Stanley Dawson,
 Frederick Wilbraham Egerton,
 Richard Horace Hamond,
 Arthur Dalrymple Fanshawe,
 to be Captains in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Lieutenants:

Eustace Rooke,
 Arthur Francis Gresley,
 Gerard Robert Bromley,
 William Henry George Nowell,
 Francis Hulton Haygarth,
 Thomas De Hoghton,
 Reynell John Fortescue,
 Edmund Samuel Poe,
 Arthur William Moore,
 to be Commanders in Her Majesty's Fleet.