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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1891.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 12th day of *December*, 1891.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased to declare Her consent to a Contract of Matrimony between His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor Christian Edward, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and Earl of Athlone, Knight of The Most Noble Order of the Garter, and Knight of The Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, eldest son of His Royal Highness The Prince and His Consort Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales, and Her Serene Highness The Princess Victoria Mary Augusta Louise Olga Pauline Claudine Agnes, daughter of Her Royal Highness The Princess Mary Adelaide Wilhelmina Elizabeth and His Highness Francis Paul Charles Louis Alexander, Duke of Teck, Knight Grand Cross of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath; which consent Her Majesty has also caused to be signified under the Great Seal and entered in the books of the Privy Council.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 12th day of *December*, 1891.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day Brownlow Henry George Cecil, Esquire, M.P., commonly called Lord Burghley, was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
December 15, 1891.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the Public on and after Thursday, the 24th instant, on every week day, Christmas Day and Wednesdays excepted, under the usual Regulations, until further orders.

Windsor Castle, December 12, 1891.

THIS day had audience of Her Majesty:—
Don Agustín Ross, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Chile, to present his Credentials;

To which audience he was introduced by Viscount Cranbrook, G.C.S.I., Lord President of the Council, acting for the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

India Office, December 14, 1891.

VICTORIA, R.I.

WHEREAS We deem it expedient to revise the Rules for the promotion and precedence of Our Indian Medical Service:

Our Will and Pleasure is that Our Warrants of 30th April, 1887, and 8th February, 1889, be cancelled, and that from and after the 7th August, 1891, the following rules shall be established, and that by these rules Our Viceroy and Governor General in Council, and Our Governors in Council of Madras and Bombay respectively, shall be governed.

1. The substantive ranks of Medical Officers in Our Indian Military Forces shall be as follows:—

Surgeon-Major-General.
Surgeon-Colonel.
Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel.
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel.
Surgeon-Major.
Surgeon-Captain.
Surgeon-Lieutenant.

These ranks shall carry precedence and other advantages attaching to the rank indicated by the military portion of the title, but shall not (except as provided in Article 2) entitle the officer to military command, or to the Presidency of Courts-Martial, Courts of Inquiry, Committees, or Boards of Survey.

2. The Officers of Our Indian Medical Service shall command the Medical Officers and Subordinates, the Army Hospital Native Corps, the Hospital Attendants, and others doing duty in military hospitals, as well as all patients in military hospitals; and shall command the Medical Staff Corps, when doing duty therewith, in the same manner as Officers of the Medical Staff, as well as such Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and men as may be attached for duty to the Medical Staff Corps; but otherwise they shall not hold any military command.

3. A Surgeon-Lieutenant shall be promoted to the rank of Surgeon-Captain on completing three years' full-pay service.

4. A Surgeon-Captain shall be promoted to the