the United Kingdom is hereby called to the provisions of the Law of the 12th of December, 1892, relating to Netherland Nationality and Domicile, and especially to the importance to those who wish to retain their Netherland Nationality of giving the notices referred to in that Law. It is requested that all such notices be given by Netherland subjects, verbally or in writing, to the Netherland Consular Officer of the place in which they reside or, if there be no such Consular Officer, then to the Netherland Consulate General in London, No. 40, Finsbury-circus, E.C.

War Office, August 11, 1893.

ER Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Volunteer Officers' Decoration upon the undermentioned Officers of the Volunteer Force, who have been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrant, dated 25th July, 1892:-

EASTERN DISTRICT.

LIGHT HORSE.

Late 1st Huntingdonshire. Surgeon and Honorary Surgeon-Major Dennis Adams, retired.

RIFLE.

1st (Hertfordshire) Volunteer Battalion, The Bedfordshire Regiment. Honorary Colonel F. T. de G., Earl Cowper, K.G.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Engineer.

Fortress and Railway Forces. ROYAL ENGINEERS. 2nd Gloucestershire (The Bristol). Surgeon-Major James Knill.

RIFLE.

5th (The Hay Tor) Volunteer Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment.

Major Lewis Edward Bearne.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Prince Albert's (Somersetshire Light Infantry)

Surgeon-Major W. L. Winterbotham, M.B., retired.

1st (Brecknockshire) Volunteer Battalion, The South Wales Borderers.

Captain and Honorary Major Edward G. Davies. 3rd Volunteer Battalion, The South Wales Borderers.

Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Benjamin M. Mitchell, retired.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Captain John Richard Collins, retired. Lieutenant William Jasper, retired.

HOME DISTRICT.

ARTILLERY.

2nd Middlesex.

Captain and Honorary Major Bernard Henderson. Captain and Honorary Major Henry Johann F. Praeger.

Engineer. Fortress and Railway Forces. ROYAL ENGINEERS. 1st London.

Major John L'Aker, retired.

4th Volunteer Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).

Captain and Honorary Major James Alfred Thornhill.

1st Surrey (South London). Captain William Field Branston.

15th Middlesex (the Customs and the Docks). Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Hampden Wigram, retired.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

Artillery.

1st Renfrew and Dumbarton. Lieutenant-Colonel William Anderson.

The Queen's Rifle Volunteer Brigade, The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment).

Captain William Graham.

Galloway.

Surgeon-Major William Johnstone. Honorary Chaplain the Reverend William M. Johnston.

9th Lanarkshire.

Acting Chaplain the Reverend Thomas H. Turnbull.

1st Volunteer Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders. Surgeon-Major Patrick Blaikie Smith, M.D.

Foreign Office, July 10, 1893.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Henry Austin Lee, Esq., C.B., to be a Secretary of Legation in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

Foreign Office, July 28, 1893.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Van Leer Polk as Consul-General at Calcutta; of Mr. James A. Demarest as Consul at Brockville; of Mr. Charles H. Benedict as Consul at Cape Town; of Mr. Joel Linsley as Consul at Coaticook; and of Mr. Warner S. Kinkend as Consul at Southampton for the United States of America; also of Mr. Oscar Schmidt-Ernsthausen as German Cousul at Calcutta; and of Mr. William Derry as Turkish Consul at Birmingham.

Foreign Office, August 1, 1893.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint-

Ernest Mason Satow, Esq., C.M.G., to be Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Tangier, and also Her Majesty's Consul-General in Morocco;

Walter Baring, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Minister Resident at Monte Video, and also Her Majesty's Consul-General in the Oriental Republic of the Uruguay; and

Robert John Kennedy, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires to the Prince of Montenegro.

Downing Street, August 9, 1893.

THE Queen has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of John Winfield Bonser, Esq. (Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements), to be Chief Justice of the Island of Ceylon.

Downing Street, August 10, 1893.

THE Queen has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of William Henry Lionel Cox, Esq. (Procureur and Advocate-General of Mauritius), to be Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements.

Downing Street, August 10, 1893.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Sir Walter Francis Hely-Hutchinson, K.C.M.G. (Governor of the Windward Islands), to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Natal.