

To be Lieutenant-Colonels.

Major Charles Berkeley Pigott, D.S.O., 21st Hussars.
 Major James Wolfe Murray, Royal Artillery, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Aldershot.
 Major Frederick Thomas Clayton, Army Service Corps.
 Major Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 13th Hussars.
 Major Herbert Eversley Belfield, the Royal Munster Fusiliers.
 Major Hugh Montgomerie Sinclair, Royal Engineers.
 Major Bruce Meade Hamilton, the East Yorkshire Regiment, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Southern District.

To be Majors.

Captain George Elliott Benson, Royal Artillery.
 Captain (local Major) Arthur Forbes Montanaro, Royal Artillery, commanding Royal Artillery West Africa.
 Captain Reginald Salmond Curtis, Royal Engineers.
Army Medical Staff, Surgeon-Colonel William Taylor, M.D., to be Surgeon-Major-General.
 Surgeon-Major William Owen Wolseley to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel.
 Surgeon-Captain Walter Calverley Beavor, M.B., to be Surgeon-Major.
 Surgeon-Captain James Maher to be Surgeon-Major.
 Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant Charles Arbeiter is granted the honorary rank of Captain (since deceased).

Army Pay Department, Staff Paymaster, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, Henry Mapleton Compigné to be Chief Paymaster, with the honorary rank of Colonel.

Downing Street, March 30, 1896.

THE Queen has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Ambrose Povah, Ambrose, Esq., Sir Cécilourt Auguste Anielme, K C.M.G., Edgar Aubert, Esq., C.M.G. (Poor Law Commissioner), Evencr Chastellier, Esq. (Director of the Medical and Health Department), George Royer Dick, Esq. (Registrar-General), Gustave Albert Ritter, Esq., George Robinson, Esq., Louis Rouillard, Esq. (Substitute Procureur-General), and Hamilton Stein, Esq., to be Members of the Council of Government of the Colony of Mauritius.

Whitehall, March 30, 1896.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto James McKechnie, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Royal Order of Isabel, which Her Majesty the Queen Regent of Spain, in the name of His Majesty the King of Spain, has been pleased to confer upon him, in recognition of his services while actually and entirely employed beyond Her Britannic Majesty's Dominions as Engineering Manager of the Nervion Works at Bilbao.

Whitehall, March 30, 1896.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto John Mathews James, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Imperial

Order of the Rising Sun of the Second Class, which His Majesty the Emperor of Japan has been pleased to confer upon him as a promotion in that Order.

Whitehall, March 18, 1896.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto Mary Meryon, of Spains Hall, in the parish of Willingale Spain, in the county of Essex, and of Rye, in the county of Sussex, widow and relict of Charles Pix Meryon, late of Rye aforesaid, Esquire, and second daughter but only surviving child and heir of Stanes Brocket Brocket, late of Spains Hall aforesaid, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace, a Deputy Lieutenant and High Sheriff (1844) for the said county of Essex, both deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that she may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will and testament of her father, the said Stanes Brocket Brocket (formerly Stanes Brocket Chamberlayne), take and use the surname of Brocket only, in lieu and instead and in substitution of that of Meryon, and bear the arms of Brocket; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect: And to command that the Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's said College of Arms.

Westminster, March 27, 1896.

THIS day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1896.

Local Government (Elections) (No. 2) Act, 1896.

Army (Annual) Act, 1896.

Metropolitan District Railway (Extension of Time) Act, 1896.

(S. 1211.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, March 31, 1896.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the following copy of a Notice respecting quarantine issued by the Governor of Malta, viz:—

Government Notice. No. 51.

His Excellency the Governor, having heard the opinion of the Board of Health, has been pleased to revoke Government Notice No. 152 of 27th July, 1895, and to direct that the following regulations be observed, viz:—

1. Any shipment of cattle, any part of which is found to be suffering, or to be suspected of suffering, from an infectious or contagious disease