

Privy Council Office, July 18, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty by the Council of the Borough of Oswestry, praying, under the provisions of the "Municipal Corporations Act, 1882," for an alteration of the number and boundaries of the Wards of the Borough; and notice is hereby further given, that Her Majesty has been pleased, by Her Order in Council of this day's date, to order that the said Petition be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the twenty-ninth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Foreign Office, July 15, 1898.

HER Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from the United States Ambassador in London the following copy of the President's Proclamation referred to in the notice inserted in the London Gazette of Friday, July 1, 1898:—

(Blockade—Southern Cuba and San Juan, Puerto Rico.)

By the President of the United States of America:
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth in my Proclamation of April 22, 1898, a blockade of the ports on the northern coast of Cuba, from Cardenas to Bahia Honda, inclusive, and of the port of Cienfuegos, on the south coast of Cuba, was declared to have been instituted; and

Whereas, it has become desirable to extend the blockade to other Spanish ports:

Now therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, do hereby declare and proclaim that, in addition to the blockade of the ports specified in my Proclamation of April 22, 1898, the United States of America has instituted and will maintain an effective blockade of all the ports on the south coast of Cuba, from Cape Frances to Cape Cruz, inclusive, and also of the port of San Juan, in the Island of Porto Rico.

Neutral vessels lying in any of the ports to which the blockade is by the present Proclamation extended, will be allowed thirty days to issue therefrom, with cargo.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this twenty-seventh day of June, A.D. 1898, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-second.

(L.S.) WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

By the President:

J. B. MOORE, Acting Secretary of State.

Admiralty, 15th July, 1898.

THE following Sub-Lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet, viz.:—

Alexander Hahnemann Quicke.

Alan Montagu Yeats-Brown.

Frederic Charles Dreyer.

Ernest Edward Alexander Betts.

Dated 15th July, 1898.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Lieutenant James William King Disney having been gazetted to a Commission as Second Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, dated 24th June, 1898, ceases to be borne on the Establishment of the Corps. Dated 23rd June, 1898.

Admiralty, 16th July, 1898.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant William Norris Bagg to be Lieutenant. Dated 12th July, 1898.

Admiralty, 18th July, 1898.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Edward Herbert Turner, Gent., to be Assistant-Engineer. Dated 11th July, 1898.

War Office, Pall Mall,

19th July, 1898.

The Royal Irish Regiment, Field-Marshal the Right Honourable G. J., Viscount Wolsley, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., Colonel Royal Horse Guards, Commander-in-Chief, to be Colonel-in-Chief. Dated 20th July, 1898.

3rd Hussars, Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Charles E. Beckett, C.B., on appointment to the Staff, is placed on half-pay. Dated 14th July, 1898.

18th Hussars, Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Edward G. Paley, on completion of his period of service in command of the Regiment, is placed on half-pay. Dated 8th July, 1898.

Major Bernhard D. Möller to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Brevet Colonel E. G. Paley. Dated 8th July, 1898.

Royal Engineers, Brevet Colonel William G. Morris, C.M.G., on completion of five years' service as a regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, is placed on half-pay. Dated 14th July, 1898.

Guards' Depot, Lieutenant Ferdinand H. de Kierzkowski - Steuart, Scots Guards, to be Adjutant, vice Lieutenant R. Longueville, Coldstream Guards, who has resigned that appointment. Dated 20th July, 1898.

LINE BATTALIONS.

The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), Major Henry B. Fowler retires on retired pay. Dated 20th July, 1898.

Captain Hubert I. W. Hamilton to be Major, vice H. B. Fowler. Dated 20th July, 1898.

The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), Major Arthur Nugent retires on retired pay. Dated 20th July, 1898.

The undermentioned Captains to be Majors. Dated 20th July, 1898:—

Hugh W. G. Campbell, on augmentation.

Douglas J. Hamilton, vice A. Nugent.

The King's (Liverpool Regiment), Lieutenant Lionel F. Leader is seconded for service as an Adjutant of Volunteers. Dated 8th July, 1898.

The Lincolnshire Regiment, Lieutenant Frederick W. Stringer to be Adjutant, vice Captain H. E. Walter, who has resigned that appointment. Dated 1st July, 1898.

The Lancashire Fusiliers, Lieutenant Charles W. Maclean, from the West India Regiment, to be Lieutenant on augmentation. Dated 20th July, 1898.

The King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry), Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas J. Seppings, on completion of his period of service in command of a Battalion, is placed on half-pay. Dated 19th July, 1898.

Major C. St. Leger Barter to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice T. J. Seppings. Dated 19th July, 1898.