

Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Second Class of the Spanish Order of Military Merit, conferred upon him by Her Majesty the Queen Regent of Spain, in the name of His Majesty the King of Spain, upon the termination of his appointment as Military Attaché to Her Majesty's Embassy at Madrid.

(F. & H. 1589.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, January 24, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Constantinople, intimating that 24 hours' observation has been imposed on arrivals from Konfonda, Red Sea.

(F. & H. 1618.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, January 24, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Telegram from the Governor of Barbados, intimating that Lisbon has been declared infected with plague.

(F. & H. 1732.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, January 24, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Constantinople, intimating that ten days' quarantine has been imposed on arrivals from ports on Arabian coast from Muscat to Aden, exclusive of latter.

(F. & H. 1793.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, January 25, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Sofia, enclosing the following Ordinance issued by the Bulgarian Government, viz. :—

Ordonnance, No. 591, du Minis ère Prancier de l'Intérieur en date du 30 Décembre, 1899.

Comme il a été officiellement constaté que la peste a cessé en Egypte, et conformément à la décision du Conseil Médical Supérieur de la Principauté du 30 Décembre, 1899, toute l'Égypte est déclarée non contaminée et l'Ordonnance, sub No. 153, du 10 Mai, 1899, est rapportée. Est interdite toutefois l'importation en Bulgarie de toutes espèces de chiffons, vieux habits, habits sales, objets ayant servi, vieux sacs ayant servi, couvertures, matelas, vieux papier usé et maculé et journaux ayant servi venant comme marchandise de l'Égypte.

(F. & H. 1622.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, January 24, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Montevideo, intimating that Madeira is included among ports suspected of plague, and that arrivals from thence will be subjected to the sanitary treatment provided for in Ordinance No. 32.

*Admiralty, 22nd January, 1900.*

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 21st July, 1876, the undermentioned Officers have been authorized to assume the rank and title of Captain :—

Commanders :

George Richard Bethell.

Dated 30th June, 1899.

Frederick Papillon.

Frederick John MacKenzie Grieve.

Dated 31st December, 1899.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Lieutenant Wilford Frederick Forrest has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander. Dated 22nd January, 1900.

The undermentioned Engineers have been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet :—

George Knowling Edwards. Dated 12th December, 1899.

George Percy Webster. Dated 29th December, 1899.

Assistant-Paymaster Albert Greenwood has been promoted to the rank of Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 30th December, 1899.

*Royal Marine Light Infantry.*

The undermentioned Gentlemen to be Second Lieutenants. Dated 1st January, 1900 :—

Ernest Frederick Powys Sketchley.

Anthony Mead.

Edward Hale Lewin.

Harold Evelyn Gillespie.

James Alured Faunce Ozanne.

Robert Gordon.

Cuthbert Williams.

Edward Percy Hamilton Pardoe.

Henry Basil Inman.

John Wansey Snepp.

Frank Lovell Haslewood.

John Evelyn Leonard Wilton.

George Duberly.

Bertram Fredrick Ferguson.

Alfred William Delves-Broughton.

*Admiralty, 23rd January, 1900.*

Assistant-Paymaster John Elis Dathan has been promoted to the rank of Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 5th January, 1900.

*Admiralty, 24th January, 1900.*

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

In accordance with the Regulations for the Royal Naval Reserve—

Lieutenant Herbert Acton Blake has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander. Dated 22nd January, 1900.

*Royal Marine Light Infantry.*

Colonel Second Commandant Herbert St. George Schomberg, C.B., to be Colonel-Commandant, vice Bird, deceased. Dated 3rd December, 1899.

*Admiralty, 25th January, 1900.*

Sub-Lieutenant Charles Mends Gibson has been confirmed as a Sub-Lieutenant on the Supplementary List of Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 1st October, 1898.