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FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1904.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
May 12, 1904.*

Notice is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed from to-day's date until further orders.

*Foreign Office,
April 20, 1903.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Walter John Heathcote, Esq., to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul for the Vilayet of Bitlis, to reside at Bitlis.

*Foreign Office,
April 30, 1904.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Alfred Gardner Brophy, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul in the Island of New Caledonia and its Dependencies.

*Foreign Office,
May 6, 1904.*

The KING has been pleased to approve of—
Mr. Joseph E. Proffit as Consul of the United States of America at Pretoria;
Mr. Henry Percy Downing as Vice-Consul of Greece at Perth, Western Australia; and
Mr. Manuel Gundelach as Vice-Consul of Ecuador at Newcastle, New South Wales.

*Downing Street,
May 11, 1904.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent, dated the 15th April, 1904, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to amend

clause 32 of the Letters Patent, dated the 3rd June, 1903, providing for the administration of the Government of the Island of Malta.

*Downing Street,
May 12, 1904.*

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Philip David Warren, Esq. (Assistant Surveyor-General), to be Surveyor-General of the Island of Ceylon.

Whitehall, April 14, 1904.

The KING has been pleased to grant unto Crawshay Wellington Bailey, of Worthenbury Manor, in the county of Flint, Gentleman, second but eldest surviving son of Henry Bailey, late of Nant-y-glas, in the county of Monmouth, Esquire, deceased, in the Commission of the Peace and a Deputy Lieutenant for that county, by Mary Louisa, his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Puleston, late of Emral Park, in the said county of Flint, Baronet, also deceased, His Royal licence and authority that he the said Crawshay Wellington Bailey and his issue may assume the surname of Puleston in lieu of his and their own family surname, and that he and they may bear the arms of Puleston only; the said 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 said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in His Majesty's said College of Arms.

Whitehall, May 6, 1904.

The KING, taking into His Royal consideration, that upon the decease of Henry Molyneux,