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FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1909.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, S. W.,
April 30, 1909.*

Notice is hereby given that the King's Birthday will be celebrated in London and at all Home Stations on Friday, 25th June next. At all other stations His Majesty's Birthday will be celebrated on Tuesday, 9th November next.

Westminster, April 30, 1909.

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 His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the 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*

Army (Annual) Act, 1909.
Torrens' Divorce Act, 1909.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, April 24, 1909.*

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Malta, to make the following promotions in and appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be an Honorary Member of the Fourth Class:
Basile Constantinovitch Roudanovsky, Russian Consul at Malta.

To be a Knight Grand Cross:

His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Fane Grant, K.C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief at Malta. (Received the Order of Knighthood.)

To be Knights Commanders:

His Grace the Right Reverend Monsignor Peter Pace, Archbishop, Bishop of Malta. (Does not receive the honour of Knighthood.)

Rear-Admiral Frederick William Fisher, C.V.O., Superintendent of Malta Dockyard. (Received the honour of Knighthood.)

Rear-Admiral George Astley Callaghan, C.V.O., (C.B., Second in Command, Mediterranean Fleet. (Received the honour of Knighthood.)

Major-General Follitt Stuart Furneaux Stokes, C.V.O., Commanding Infantry Brigade, Malta. (Received the honour of Knighthood.)

To be Commanders:

Colonel (temporary Major-General) Hubert Ion Wetherall Hamilton, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., Major-General, General Staff, Mediterranean Fleet.

Colonel (temporary Major-General) Arthur Pole Penton, commanding Royal Artillery, Malta.

Captain John de Mestre Hutchison, C.M.G., R.N.: Flag Captain and Chief of the Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet.

To be Members of the Fourth Class:

Captain Norman Craig Palmer, R.N., commanding H.M.S. "Aboukir."

Major Charles John Brinsley Butler, Earl of Lanesborough, Coldstream Guards. Assistant Military Secretary to His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught, K.G., Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief and High Commissioner in the Mediterranean.