Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to direct that the provisions of sections four hundred and twenty-seven to four hundred and thirty-one of the Principal Act shall not apply to any Norwegian ship while within any port of the United Kingdom, if it is proved that the aforesaid Norwegian provisions relating to life saving appliances are complied with in the case of that ship.

Almeric FitzRoy.

Master of the Horse's Office, Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, 13th August, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Rear-Admiral Sir Colin R. Keppel, K.C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O., late Commander of His Majesty's Yachts and Aide-de-Camp, to be an Extra Equerry to His Majesty.

> Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order, St. James's Palace, August 9, 1909.

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order :---

To be Member of the Fourth Class.

Fleet Surgeon Cyril James Mansfield, R.N., His Majesty's Ship "Indomitable."

To be Member of the Fifth Class.

Lieutenant Alan George Barwys Bourne, Royal Marine Artillery.

> Foreign Office, August 7, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to approve of-

Mr. F. M. Knobel as Consul-General of the Netherlands at Pretoria for the British possessions and territories in South Africa south of the Zambesi, the territories of North-Western and North-Eastern Rhodesia, and the Nyasaland Protectorate;

Mr. Charles K. Moser as Consul of the United States at Aden;

Mr. Timothy Mullens as Consul of Colombia at Toronto;

Mr. James Clark as Consul of Ecuador at Sydney; and

Señor Don Federico Lopez Pomareda as Consul of the Dominican Republic at Kingston, Jamaica.

Crown Office, August 12, 1909.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Kilkenny, South Kilkenny Division.

Matthew Keating, Esq., in the place of Nicholas Joseph Murphy, Esq., an adjudicated bankrupt.

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PRISONS (ENGLAND AND WALES).

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, pursuant to section 3 (3) of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that on the 3rd August, 1909, he made Rules under the Prison Act, 1898, and the Prevention of Crimes Act, 1908, with regard to prisoners between the ages of 16 and 21, to come into force forthwith.

Copies of the Rules may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Fetter-lane, London, E.C.

Admiralty, 10th August, 1909.

Clerk Edwin Keates Odam has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 31st July, 1909.

Admiralty, 11th August, 1909.

In pursuance of His Majesty's pleasure-

Captain Norman Craig Palmer, M.V.O., appointed Commodore Second Class in command of His Majesty's Yachts, to be an Honorary Aide-de-Camp to the King, during such time as he remains in command of His Majesty's Yachts.

In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 28th March, 1903-

Lieutenant William Henry May has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 10th August, 1909.

Sub-Lieutenant Douglas George Wilberforce Curry has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 15th October, 1908.

The undermentioned Surgeons have been promoted to the rank of Staff Surgeon in His Majesty's Fleet :---

Thomas Brown Shaw, M.B. Alfred Thomas Gailleton, M.B. George Sandys Davidge. Percival Thomas Nicholls. Dated 10th August, 1909.

Clerk Henry Livingston Shaw has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 19th June, 1909.

Royal Naval Reserve.

The undermentioned Probationary Sub-Lieutenants have been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant:—

Arthur Percy Melsom. Dated 1st January, 1909.

George Levack Mackay Napier. Dated 1st March, 1909.

Admiralty, 12th August, 1909.

Chief Gunner Reuben Saxton has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet.

Gunner Henry Downes has been promoted to the rank of Chief Gunner in His Majesty's Fleet.

Dated 29th July, 1909,