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FOREIGN OFFICE, January 1, 1897.

OTICE is hereby given that, in virtue of the most-favoured-nation Article in the Treaty between Great Britain and Japan of the 26th of August 1858, the benefits of Article 17 of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of April 4, 1896, between Germany and Japan in regard to the protection of patents, trade marks, &c., will be extended to British subjects.

Article 17 of that Treaty is worded as follows :-"The Nationals of each of the High Contracting Parties shall enjoy in the territories of the other the same protection as natives in regard to patents, samples (including patterns), designs, trade and manufacture marks, firms and names, upon fulfilment of the formalities prescribed by law."

It has been further agreed between Her Majesty's Minister at Tokio and the Japanese Government that the provisions of the above Article shall be brought into simultaneous operation in both countries on January 4, 1897.

DOWNING STREET, January 1, 1897.

The Queen has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Sir Virgile Naz, K.C.M.G., to be a Member of the Council of Government of the Colony of Mauritius.

WHITEHALL, December 31, 1896.

The Queen has been pleased to order a Congé d'Élire to pass the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, empower-

ing the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, London, to elect a Bishop of that See, the same being void by the translation of the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor Frederick Temple to the See of Canterbury; and Her Majesty has been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor Mandell Creighton, now Bishop of Peterborough, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of London.

WAR OFFICE, January 1, 1897.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:

To be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:-

The Right Honourable Sir Frank Cavendish Lascelles, G.C.M.G., Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Berlin.

To be Ordinary Members of the Civil Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Honourable Order, viz. :-

Sir Elwin Mitford Palmer, K.C.M.G., Financial Adviser to His Highness the Khedive of Egypt. William Anderson, Esq., C.B., Director-General of Ordnance Factories.

Honorary Colonel the Honourable Wellington Patrick Manvers Chetwynd-Talbot, Serjeantat-Arms, House of Lords.