CHANCERY OF THE ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE,

DOWNING STREET, January 1, 1898.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:—

To be Ordinary Members of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Robert Baxter Llewelyn, Esq., C.M.G., Administrator of the Colony of the Gambia.

The Honourable Pieter Hendrik Faure, Secretary for Agriculture of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope.

The Honourable James Penn Boucaut, Judge of the Supreme Court of the Colony of South Australia.

To be Ordinary Members of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Captain Ronald M'Farlane (late 9th Lancers), in recognition of services in connection with the

suppression of the revolt of Matabeles in Rhodesia.

Robert Henry Sawyer, Esq., Member of the Executive Council and House of Assembly of the Bahama Islands.

John Anderson, Esq., M.A., of the Colonial Department.

DUBLIN CASTLE, January 1, 1898.

Her Majesty's Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of Ireland, appointing William Kenny, Esquire, Q.C., late Her Majesty's Solicitor-General for Ireland, to be one of the Judges of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in Ireland.

DUBLIN CASTLE, January 1, 1898.

Her Majesty's Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of Ireland, appointing Dunbar Plunket Barton, Esq., Q.C., to be Her Majesty's Solicitor-General in Ireland.

STATEMENT showing the Quantities Sold and Average Price of BRITISH CORN Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise, in the Week ended 1st January 1898, conformably with the Act of the 45th and 46th Victoria, cap. 37.

				QUANTITIES	SOLD.	AVERAGE PRICE.		
Wheat	•••			Qrs. B 30,163	Bus.	s. 34	d. 6	
Barley	•••	•••		74,645	6	27	3	
Oats	•••	•••	•••	9,704	4	17	1	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1894 to 1897.

Corresponding Week in		QUANTITIES SOLD.						AVERAGE PRICE,					
		WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.		WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.	
904		Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	<i>d</i> .	s.	d.	8.	d,
894 895	•••	25,631	3	52,223 56,258	6	8,737 $9,471$	4	$\begin{array}{c c} 26 \\ 20 \end{array}$	4 4	28	10 5	17 14	8 2
896 897	•••	10.848 17,581	6	56,290 41,588	6	8,809 5,776	2 0	25 30	$\frac{1}{2}$	24 24	7 8	13 16	10

^{*}Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the Local Inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the imperial bushel, or by weight or by a weighed measure, that Officer shall convert such returns into the imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.