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FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1903.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE, DUBLIN CASTLE, January 3, 1903.

T a Meeting of the Privy Council held this day in the Council Chamber, Dublin Castle, the Right Honourable the Lord Chaucellor, the Right Honourable the Earl of Mayo, and the Right Honourable Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, were sworn Lords Justices for the Government of Ireland during the absence of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

J. B. Dougherty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, December 18, 1902.

The King was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Henry Seton-Kerr, C.M.G., M.P.

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The King was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Colonel James Gildea, C.V.O., C.B.

ST. JAMES' PALACE, January 1, 1903.

The King has been pleased, on the nomination of Lord Belper, the Captain, to appoint Colonel 1904.

Henry Richard Lloyd Howard, C.B., late 16th Lancers, to be one of His Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, vice Mr. Stapleton C. Cotton, M.V.O., who retires, receiving the price of his Commission.

The King has been pleased, on the nomination of Lord Belper, the Captain, to appoint Captain Ernest Beachcroft Beckwith Towse, V.C., late Gordon Highlanders, to be one of His Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, vice Captain Paget J. Bourke, who retires upon halfpay.

KENSINGTON PALACE, January 1, 1903.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg, has been pleased to appoint Miss Freda Biddulph to be an Extra Lady in Waiting to Her Royal Highness.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND MONTENEGRO.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 6, 1903.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received information from His Majesty's Legation at Cettinje, to the effect that the existing Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and Montenegro has been prolonged until the 1st of January 1904.