

And whereas the said Order in Council, amongst other things, provided and declared that Colonial Certificates of Competency granted

(a) by the Head of the Government of the Possession of Malta and its Dependencies, from and after the 12th day of May 1874, to persons intending to act as Masters, Mates, or Engineers, on board British Ships, that is to say:—To Masters of the First Class, or Masters of a Foreign-going Ship, to Mates of the First Class, or First Mate of a Foreign-going Ship, to Mates of the Second Class, or Second Mate of a Foreign-going Ship, to Engineers of the First Class, or First Class Engineers, and to Engineers of the Second Class, or Second Class Engineers: and

(b) by the Governor of the Possession of Mauritius, from and after the 1st day of January 1891, to persons intending to act as Masters, First Mates, and Second Mates, of Sea-going British Ships:

should be of the same force as if they had been granted under the said Act, but subject to the Regulations with respect to the use, issue, delivery, cancellation, and suspension of Colonial Certificates of Competency set out in Schedule "A" to the said Order in Council:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the 22nd day of October 1906, after reciting amongst others the said Order in Council dated the 9th day of May 1891, it was declared that the Colonial Certificates of Competency granted, or to be thereafter granted, by the Authorities mentioned in the therein-recited Orders in Council (hereinafter called "the Proper Authority") should from and after the respective dates in the case of the several Possessions therein mentioned with reference to the several kinds of Certificates in the said Orders in Council mentioned be of the same force as if they had been granted under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and should be subject to the same Conditions and Regulations as are set out in Schedule "A" to the said Order in Council of the 9th day of May 1891, and that the said Orders in Council should be read and construed as if the Proper Authority had been originally mentioned therein in the case of each such Possession in lieu of the Authority in each case actually named and described therein:

And whereas by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is further provided that His Majesty may by Order in Council revoke, alter, or add to, any Order in Council made under the Merchant Shipping Acts:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that it is expedient that the said Order in Council of the 9th day of May 1891 should to the extent hereinafter appearing be revoked:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of His Privy Council, is hereby pleased to declare, and it is hereby declared, that so much of the said Orders in Council dated the 9th day of May 1891, and the 22nd day of October 1906, as provides that Colonial Certificates of Competency granted by the Head of the Government of the Possession of Malta and its Dependencies, and by the Governor of the Possession of Mauritius, respectively, or the Proper Authority in those Possessions respectively, shall be of the same force as if they had been granted under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, be, and the same is hereby, revoked.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, S.W.*

15th August 1916.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of the recent visit of His Majesty to his Army in the Field, to make the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Knight Grand Cross.

General Sir Douglas Haig, G.C.B., K.C.I.E., K.C.V.O.

To be Knights Commander.

General Sir Henry Seymour Rawlinson, Bart., K.C.B., C.V.O.

Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Hugh Spencer Bacon, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.

To be Members of the Fourth Class.

Lient.-Col. Alfred Henry Cotes James, D.S.O.

Major Edward Gerald Thompson.

Major Philip Hunloke.

Major Eustace Graham Sheppard, Royal Engineers.

Major Frederick St. John Hughes.

Capt. Sir Henry Herbert Philip Dundas, Bart.

Capt. Arnold Edwin Bare.

To be Members of the Fifth Class.

2nd Lieut. Robert Williams, Royal Engineers.

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George,*

Downing Street, 16th August 1916.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following promotion in the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:—

To be an Ordinary Member of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Sir Henry Howard, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary on Special Mission to the Vatican; in recognition of his long and eminent services, and on the occasion of his retirement.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

Chancery of the Order,

St. John's Gate,

Clerkenwell, London, E.C.,

15th August 1916.

The KING has been graciously pleased to sanction the following promotions in and appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—

As Knights of Justice (from Knights of Grace).

Lieut.-Colonel Alfred Dyke Acland.

The Honble. Arthur Stanley, C.B., M.V.O., M.P.