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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1873.

At the Court at Balmoral, the 30th day of
September 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the twenty-seventh day of September One thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, in the words following, viz. :—

‘Whereas by the provisions of your Majesty’s Order in Council of the fourth August last, retirement on exceptional terms was offered to eighty Lieutenants of the Royal Navy; and whereas a considerably larger number have signified their desire to accept these terms; and whereas, through the large number of Sub-Lieutenants who will be annually promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, the list of Lieutenants of your Majesty’s Navy must for some time to come be greatly in excess of the number fixed by your Majesty’s Order in Council of twenty-second of February One thousand eight hundred and seventy as necessary for the requirements of the Naval Service, we are of opinion that it will be desirable to extend the numbers to be allowed to retire on the terms proposed by your Majesty’s first-named Order in Council: We do therefore most humbly propose that the number of Lieutenants to be allowed to retire on the terms of your Majesty’s Order in Council of the fourth of August One thousand eight hundred and seventy-three shall be extended to a total number

of one hundred and ten, such retirements to take effect from the first of October next. We beg further to state that the Lords Commissioners of your Majesty’s Treasury have given their assent to the cost of this proposal.’

Her Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

EDMUND HARRISON.

FOREIGN OFFICE, October 8, 1873.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Cordes as Consul at Hong Kong for the German Empire.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Don Delfino Sanchez as Consul at Belize for the Republic of Guatemala.

WHITEHALL, October 1, 1873.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Robert Lowe, being one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State, to be an Ecclesiastical Commissioner for England.