

Foreign Office, February 26, 1869.

THE following Notification has been published by Her Majesty's Minister in Japan :—

NOTIFICATION.

WITH reference to the Notifications issued by the undersigned, on the 28th of March and the 12th of September last, informing British subjects that the opening of Yedo and Niigata had been temporarily deferred in consequence of the insecurity which then existed at those places, he has now to make known that that City and Port will be opened to the British trade on the 1st of January next, and that he has agreed, on the part of Her Britannic Majesty's Government, to the following modifications in Articles VIII and IX of the Arrangements for the Settlement of Foreigners at Yedo, which were published in his Notification of November 26th, 1867.

Articles VIII and IX as now modified :—

Article VIII.—In order to give due effect to the provisions of the treaties which relate to the residence of foreigners at Yedo, every foreigner coming to Yedo, unless he be an officer of a foreign government and in uniform, must be furnished with a passport from the consular authority of his nation at Yokohama, which must be vised by the Hanji of Kanagawa. Foreigners coming from Yokohama by land will be required to show their passports at the ferry at Kawasaki, while those coming by sea must not land elsewhere than at either of the two landing places at Tamachi and Tsukiji, and must produce their passports on landing whenever required to do so by a Japanese officer. Any foreigner, other than an officer as above named, arriving at Yedo without a passport, may be arrested and conveyed before his consul.

Article IX.—Foreign lighters, tow boats, and passage boats, and all other foreign boats, with the exception of those belonging to vessels of war, will be required, on arriving off Yedo, to enter by the channel between the two forts marked with white beacons."

It being considered undesirable that foreigners visiting or residing at Yedo should, under present circumstances, frequent the quarter comprised within the inner moat of the city, or should proceed into the country around Yedo to the extent of the limits described in Article XI of the Arrangements aforesaid, British subjects are hereby warned that they should avoid entering the quarter named until further notice, and that they should not proceed into the country beyond the limits shown on a map which will be exhibited at Her Britannic Majesty's Vice Consulate at Yedo.

John Frederic Lowder, Esq., at present Her Britannic Majesty's Acting Consul for the Consular District of Osako and Hiogo, is appointed to act as Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Niigata, and William Willis, Esq., M.D., Her Britannic Majesty's Vice-Consul for the Consular District of Yedo and Kanagawa, will for the present be stationed at Yedo.

(Signed) **HARRY S. PARKES,**
Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Japan.

Her Britannic Majesty's Legation,
Yokohama, December 24, 1868.

Duchy of Lancaster, February 23, 1869.

The Queen has been this day pleased to appoint Benjamin Heywood Jones, Esq., of Lark Hill, to be Sheriff of the County Palatine of Lancaster for the year ensuing.

War Office, February 23, 1869.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Frederick Temple, Lord Dufferin and Claneboye, K.P., K.C.B., to be one of Her Majesty's Commissioners to enquire into and report upon the present state of Military Education, and more especially the training of Candidates for the Army, and the constitution, system of education, and discipline of the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, and of the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, as well as the rules and regulations under which Candidates are admitted into those Colleges, in the room of the Right Honourable George Frederick Samuel, Earl de Grey and Ripon.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Major-General Frederick Marow Eardley-Wilmot, Royal Artillery, to be a Member of the said Commission, in the room of Major-General John Henry Lefroy, Royal Artillery; and Charles Stuart Parker, Esq., to be a Member of the said Commission.

Whitehall, February 25, 1869.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal appointing the Reverend George Prothero, M.A., to the place and dignity of a Canon of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter, Westminster, void by the promotion of Doctor Christopher Wordsworth to the Bishoprick of Lincoln.

*War Office, Pall Mall**26th February, 1869.*

7th Regiment of Hussars, Cornet Harold Paget, from the 18th Hussars, to be Cornet, vice Graham Eden Hamond, who retires. Dated 27th February, 1869.

18th Hussars, Gentleman Cadet Edward Deedes Newnham Smith, from the Royal Military College, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Paget, transferred to the 7th Hussars. Dated 27th February, 1869.

Royal Regiment of Artillery, The promotion of Second Captain George Gott Nelson (late Bengal), to bear date 5th instead of 18th November, 1868, as stated in the Gazette of the 11th December last.

Lieutenant Anthony Hepburn Murray (late Bengal), to be Second Captain, vice Macleay, deceased. Dated 14th December, 1868.

Serjeant-Major James Robert Thomson to be Quarter-Master, vice O'Brien, who retires upon half-pay. Dated 27th February, 1869.

Royal Engineers, Lieutenant Edmund Donoug Collins O'Brien to be placed on the Supernumerary List on appointment as Instructor in Fortifications at the Royal Military College. Dated 4th February, 1869.