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Foreign Office, December 2, 1871.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint John Prat, Esq., now British Vice-Consul at Barcelona, to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Provinces of Galicia and Asturias, to reside at Corunna.

Foreign Office, December 29, 1871.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Otto Trechmann as Consul at Hartlepool; of Mr. J. Stuart Day as Consul for the Isle of Wight, including the roadsteads of Yarmouth, Lymington, the Motherbank, St. Helen's Road, and Bembridge Haven; of Mr. Philip Douglas Alexander as Vice-Consul at Bristol; of Mr. Joseph Farrell as Vice-Consul for Dundalk and Drogheda; of Mr. William Marshall as Vice-Consul at Great Grimsby; of Mr. James Cathie Scarth as Vice-Consul for Kirkwall, Stromness, and Longhope; of Mr. William Davies Mathews as Vice-Consul for Penzance, Mountsbay, Saint Ives, and Hayle; and of Mr. Joseph Strangman as Vice-Consul for Waterford, New Ross, Wexford, and Dungarvan, for the German Empire.

Whitehall, December 23, 1871.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto the Reverend John Wilson, of Stillington Vicarage, in the county of York, and unto Charlotte Isabella, his wife, younger of the two daughters and co-heirs of Alfred Haffenden, late of Homewood, near Tenterden, in the county of Kent, Esquire, by his first wife Caroline Sarah Croft, both deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that they may, in order to testify their grateful and affectionate respect for the memory of the said Alfred Haffenden, take and henceforth use the surname of Haffenden, in addition to and after that of Wilson, and that such surnames may in like manner be taken, used, and borne by the issue of their marriage:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise to be void and of none effect.

Whitehall, December 26, 1871.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Hannibal Sandys, of The Grove, in the parish of Fulham, in the county of Middlesex, Gentleman, eldest son of Hannibal Sandys, late of Brompton, in the said county, Esquire, by Cecilia,

his wife, one of the daughters of William Speer, late of Thames Ditton, in the county of Surrey, Esquire, all deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may (in compliance with a proviso contained in the last will and testament of the said William Speer), henceforth take and use the surname of Speer only, and bear the arms of Speer (quarterly in the first quarter) with his own family arms of Sandys; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And also to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

(M. 11456.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,
December 28, 1871.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires, at Bogota, relative to a Decree of the Colombian Government by which all manifests of vessels and invoices of goods arriving at the Free Ports of the Isthmus of Panama, are required to be certified by the Colombian Consul at the port of shipment, and stating that the Colombian Government has sent orders to the Consuls to deliver such documents free of charge as regards goods in transit. Those for consumption on the Isthmus, as well as those for the Colombian Pacific Ports of Buenaventura and Tumaco, are to be paid for as heretofore.

(M. 11741.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,
December 29, 1871.*

THE Board of Trade have received a Dispatch from Her Majesty's Consul General at Constantinople, stating that the Ottoman Government has declared free the passage of the Straits of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, from the 13th December, 1871. The following Notice to Shipmasters embodying the necessary information has been issued by the Consul-General:—

*British Consulate-General, Constantinople,
December 12, 1871.*

ALL vessels may henceforth pass through the Straits of the Bosphorus and Dardanelles at any hour of the day or night.