

Colonel George Shaw, C.B., retired full-pay, Royal Artillery, to have the honorary rank of Major-General. Dated 1st July, 1877.
Major James Rollings Gordon, 108th Foot, to have the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, upon retiring on a pension. Dated 21st July, 1877.

MEMORANDA.

Colonel John Andrew Price, retired full-pay, Royal Artillery, has been permitted to commute his retired allowance. Dated 26th June, 1877.

The undermentioned Officers retire from the Service, receiving the value of their Commissions :—

Captain and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Balcarras Dalrymple Wardlaw Ramsay, half-pay, Unattached. Dated 29th June, 1877.

Captain Robert Knapp Barrow, half-pay, late 57th Foot. Dated 29th June, 1877.

Captain Aubrey Lisle Patton, half-pay, late 14th Foot. Dated 29th June, 1877.

MILITIA MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned Surgeons to be Surgeons-Major, under the provisions of the Royal Warrant of 12th July, 1876 :—

Charles Gibson, M.D. (Highland Borderers Light Infantry). Dated 1st March, 1873.

Sir William Miller, M.D. (Londonderry). Dated 1st March, 1873.

The promotion of Assistant-Surgeon James Munro, M.D., 1st Durham Militia, which appeared in the Gazette of the 20th April, 1877, is cancelled.

To be Surgeon, under the provisions of the Royal Warrant of 12th July, 1876 :—

Assistant-Surgeon James Munro, M.D., 1st Durham. Dated 15th April, 1876.

To be Surgeon-Major, under the provisions of the Royal Warrant of 12th April, 1876 :—

Surgeon James Munro, M.D., 1st Durham. Dated 15th April, 1876.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875 (38 Vic., c. 17).

WHEREAS by Section 68 of the above-named Act, it is provided as follows :—

"The Council of any Borough which is assessed to the county rate of any county by the Justices of such county, and the Commissioners of any Improvement District, may, by order of a Secretary of State made upon the application of such Council or Commissioners, and published in the London Gazette, be declared to be a Local Authority for the purposes of this Act, and thereupon shall become a Local Authority accordingly for such part of their borough or district as is not included in any harbour, to the exclusion of the Justices in Petty Sessions :—"

And whereas an application has been made to me by the Town Council of the borough of Penryn to be declared a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act, in accordance with the provision aforesaid.

Now I, the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby, in virtue of the powers contained in the said section, declare the said Town Council of the borough of Penryn to be a Local Authority for the purposes of the said Act.

Richard Assheton Cross.

Whitehall, July 17, 1877.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the 39th and 40th years of Her present Majesty, Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for the preservation of Wild Fowl," it was by the 2nd section provided that any person who shall kill, wound, or take, or attempt to kill, wound, or take, any wild fowl as defined by the said Act, or use any boat, gun, net, or other engine or instrument for the purpose of killing, wounding, or taking any wild fowl, or shall have in his control or possession any wild fowl recently killed, wounded, or taken, between the 15th day of February and the 10th day of July in any year, shall be liable to the penalty therein mentioned, and by the 3rd section, power was given to the Home Office as to Great Britain, upon application of the Justices in Quarter Sessions assembled of any county, to extend or vary the time during which the killing, wounding, and taking of wild fowl was prohibited by the said Act, such extension or variation to be made by Order under the hand of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State :

And whereas the Justices of the county of Somerset, in Quarter Sessions assembled, have applied to me to the effect that an Order should be made directing that the time during which the killing, wounding, and taking of wild fowl, as defined by the said Act, is prohibited shall be varied in the county of Somerset, so as to be from the 1st day of March up to and inclusive of the 12th day of August in each year.

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of the said Act, and on such application as aforesaid, hereby order as follows :—

The time during which the killing, wounding, and taking of wild fowl, as defined by the said Act, is prohibited, shall be varied in the county of Somerset, so as to be from the 1st day of March up to and inclusive of the 12th day of August in each year.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 17th day of July, 1877.

Richard Assheton Cross.

THE FAIRS ACT, 1871.

CALNE FAIRS.

WHEREAS a representation has been duly made to me, as Secretary of State for the Home Department, by the Justices acting in the Calne Petty Sessional Division of the county of Wilts; that Fairs have been annually held on the 6th day of May and on the last Wednesday in September, respectively, in the town of Calne, in the said division of the said county, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fairs should be abolished :

And whereas notice of the said representation, and of the time when I should take the same into consideration, has been duly published in pursuance of "The Fairs Act, 1871 :—"

And whereas, on such representation and consideration, it appears to me that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fairs should be abolished :

And whereas the Marquis of Lansdowne as lord or owner of the said Fairs, and the tolls thereof, has consented in writing that the said Fairs should be abolished :

Now, therefore, I, as the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Fairs Act, 1871," do hereby order that the Fairs which have been annually held on the 6th day of May and on the last Wed-