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Foreign Office, December 21, 1878.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. John A. Parm as Consul at Sierra Leone for the United States of America; of Mr. Ho Hsian Tsé as Consul at Singapore for His Majesty the Emperor of China; of Mr. Diego M. Corry as Consul at Belfast for the Argentine Republic; of Mr. William Lewis Clifton Browne as Consul at Southampton for the Republic of Liberia; and of Mr. Albert W. Lassen as Vice-Consul at Bradford for His Majesty the Emperor of Austria.

Buckingham Palace, December 24, 1878.

His Royal Highness The Prince Leopold has been pleased to appoint Captain Stanier Waller, R.E., to be Equerry in Ordinary to His Royal Highness.

Crown Office, December 24, 1878.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Londonderry.

Sir Thomas McClure, of Belmont, county of Down, Bart., in the place of Richard Smyth, Esq., deceased.

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*Board of Trade, 1, Whitehall,
December 23, 1878.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Agent and Consul-General at Bucharest, reporting that Roumanian Custom-houses have been established at the following places in the new territory annexed to Roumania by the Treaty of Berlin, viz.:—Kustendje, Mangalia, Toultscha, Isaccea, Chilia Berde, Soulina, Hirsova, Tchernavoda, St. George, Matchin, and Rassova.

Admiralty, 21st December, 1878.

The undermentioned Surgeons have been promoted to the rank of Staff Surgeon in Her Majesty's Fleet:—

Charles Lyon Ridout,
James Blakney Drew,
Thomas Bolster,
Frederick McClement, M.D.,
George Henry Madeley,
Valentine Duke, B.A., M.B.,
with seniority of the 20th instant.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
24th December, 1878.*

Royal Engineers, Lieutenant Charles Moore Watson to be Captain, vice Cortland Alexander McGregor Skinner (late Bombay), who retires on a pension. Dated 25th December, 1878.

Commissariat and Transport Department, Assistant-Commissary Edward Love to be Deputy-Commissary, vice Page, from 28th November, 1878.

Ordnance Store Department, Assistant-Commissary G. R. Hunter has been granted retired pay from 1st August, 1878, upon re-organization of the Department.

Sergeant-Major James Ashworth, Royal Artillery, to be Assistant-Commissary. Dated 25th December, 1878.

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Captain Cortland Alexander McGregor Skinner, Royal (late Bombay) Engineers, to have the honorary rank of Major, upon retiring on a pension. Dated 25th December, 1878.

The following Officers to be Colonels:—

Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Charles Sparshott Williams, C.I.E., Royal (late Bengal) Engineers. Dated 10th December, 1878.

Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Loftus Bland, Royal Engineers. Dated 11th December, 1878.

Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony William Durnford, Royal Engineers. Dated 11th December, 1878.

Lieutenant-Colonel Donald Alexander Frazer, Royal Engineers. Dated 11th December, 1878.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edmund Frederick DuCane, K.C.B., Royal Engineers. Dated 11th December, 1878.