In granting a receipt for this sum Messrs. Bischoffsheim and Goldschmidt acknowledge that the loan forming the object of the said contract has been entirely paid off and extinguished, and that they have no further claim against the European Commission of the Danube in respect of the said contract, nor have they to receive any further sum from the Commission in respect of any general claim whatever.

Messrs. Bischoffsheim and Goldschmidt give therefore, by these presents, full and entire discharge to the European Commission of the

BISCHOFFSHEIM and GOLDSCHMIDT. London, September, 1883.

Whitehall, January 11, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom unto Alfred Tennyson; Esq., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Baron Tennyson, of Aldworth, in the county of Sussex, and of Freshwater, in the Isle of Wight.

Whitehall, January 11, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal, for appointing Ernest Augustus Charles, Marquess of Ailesbury, to be Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Berks, in the room of George Grimston, Earl of Craven, deceased.

Whitehall, January 12, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir Francis Richard Sandford, K.C.B., and James Anstie, Esq., Q.C., to be Paid Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, under the provisions of "The City of London Parochial Charities Act, 1883."

Whitehall, January 12, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting unto the Reverend Brooke Foss Westcott, D.D., D.C.L, Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge, the place and dignity of a Canon of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter, Westminster, void by the promotion of Dr. Alfred Barry to the See of Sydney.

War Office, January 12, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to give orders for the following promotion in, and appointment to, the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

To be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Honourable Order, viz. :-

Robert George Crookshank Hamilton, Esq., C.B., under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

To be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order, viz. :-Edward George Jenkinson, Esq., Assistant Under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Downing Street, January 15, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Henry Arthur Blake, Esq., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahama Islands.

Crown Office, January 12, 1884. MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Londonderry. Samuel Walker, Esq., Solicitor-General for Ireland, in the place of the Right Honourable Andrew Marshall Porter, who has accepted the office of Master of the Rolls in Ireland.

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Board of Trade (Harbour Department), Whitehall Gardens, January 15, 1884.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of an Ordinance of Maritime Health, issued by by the Italian Government, intimating that the quarantine hitherto imposed upon arrivals from the Regency of Tripoli is revoked from the 3rd instant, and that vessels will be received in free pratique provided they are furnished with clean bills of health, and have been free from disease during the voyage, and that the preliminary medical inspection declares the sanitary condition of such vessel to be satisfactory. The Ordinance further intimates, that the prohibition against the importation of rags, scraps, and unwashed old clothes from Tripolis remains for the present in

Admiralty, 11th January, 1884.

THE undermentioned Engineers have been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet :-

Henry Charles Goldsmith. Dated 11th December, 1883.
David John Gyles. Dated 12th December,

1883.

John Langford Stevenson. Dated 17th December, 1883.

Royal Marine Light Infantry. Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel Cuthbert Ward Burton has been placed on the Retired List, at his own request. Dated 9th January, 1884.

Admiralty, 12th January, 1884.

Staff Surgeon Thomas Hall Atkinson has been promoted to the rank of Fleet Surgeon in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 5th January, 1884.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 30th April, 1877— Engineer George Tyrer has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 4th January,

Admiralty, 14th January, 1884.

The retirement of Paymaster George Wright Anderson, with permission to assume the rank and title of Paymaster-in-Chief on the Retired List, which was notified in the London Gazette of the 4th instant, is dated 30th December, 1883.

War Office, Pall Mall,

15th January, 1884. 4th Dragoon Guards, Captain Laurence Murphy retires on half-pay. Dated 16th January, 1884.

7th Dragoon Guards, Captain William E. M. Rough has been seconded for service as an Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces. Dated 20th November, 1883.