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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1884.

Privy Council Office, December 9, 1884.

THIS day, at Whitehall, in the presence of the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the oath of allegiance and the oath of office were taken by the Right Honourable George John Shaw-Lefevre, as Postmaster-General.

(Swine-Fever.)

A T the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 13th day of December, 1884.

By Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

THE Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under The Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

- 1. The following Area (namely),—so much of the parish of Mitchelmersh, in the county of Southampton, as is comprised in the Ecclesiastical division of Braishfield,—which was declared by Order of Council dated the seventeenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eightyfour, to be an Area infected with swine-fever, is hereby declared to be free from swine-fever, and that Area shall, as from the commencement of this Order, cease to be an Area infected with swine-fever.
- 2. This Order shall take effect from and immediately after the fourteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Herbert M. Suft.

India Office, December 15, 1884.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India on—

Harriot Georgina, Countess of Dufferin, wife of the Right Honourable Frederick Temple, Earl of Dufferin, G.C.B., K.P., G.C.M.G., Viceroy and Governor-General of India. Master of the Horses' Office, Royal Mews, Pimlico, November 25, 1884.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased toappoint the Honourable Eric Richard Thesiger to be Page of Honour to Her Majesty, vice Percy Edmund Leopold Cust, Esq., deceased.

St. James's Palace, December 4, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Baring, one of the Exons, to be Adjutant and Clerk of the Cheque of Her Majesty's Royal Body Guard of Yeomen of the Guard, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel William Griffin Sutton, deceased; and also to appoint Major Richard George Ellison, one of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, to be one of the Exons of Her Majesty's Royal Body Guard of Yeomen of the Guard, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Baring, promoted.

Whitehall, December 15, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal for appointing George Clement Bertram, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, Attorney-General of the Island of Jersey, to the office of Bailiff of the said Island, in the room of Sir Robert Pipon Marett, deceased.

Whitehall, December 15, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Major Henry Hare, First Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers, Her Royal licence and permission that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Medjidieh, which His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, has been pleased to confer upon him, in recognition of his services whilst actually and entirely employed by His Highness beyond Her Majesty's Dominions.

Downing Street, December 13, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint George Holborow and Henry Ogilvie Bennett, Esqrs., to be Members of the Executive Council of the Island of Antigua.