of the following Circular to Russian Consular Agents in the United Kingdom, respecting the sanitary measures adopted in Russia as regards vessels coming from Spain:--

Russian Consulate-General,

17, Great Winchester-street, E.C., 10th July, 1885.

In order to prevent the cholera from being brought into the Russian Empire from certain places in Spain, the Ministry of Interior, St. Petersburg, on the 1st June, has decided on the adoption of the following sanitary quarantine measures :--

1. Vessels arriving at the Black Sea ports from Spanish ports are subject to observation and purification during 14 days, according to the instruction confirmed on the 12th September, 1884, by the Minister of Interior.

2. If, after the sanitary examination of the crew and passengers and inspection of the vessel and her cargo made by the quarantine department, the Captain of the vessel with a clean patent will declare his consent to begin the systematic purification for his own account, then the observation will continue only seven days.

4. Vessels arriving at Baltic ports from Spanish ports with the clean patents are subject to strict sanitary inspection; vessels without clean patent are altogether forbidden to enter the Baltic ports.

(H. 5102.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), Whitehall Gardens, July 13, 1885.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Pernambuco, dated 19th ultimo, and reporting that quarantine for a few hours is imposed on all vessels coming from, or touching at, Spanish ports, on account of cholera in Spain.

(H. 5103.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), Whitehall Gardens, July 13, 1885.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the following translation of an Ordinance issued by the Government of Italy :--

Ordinance of Maritime Health.-No. 5.

In view of the increase of cholera in Spain, the Minister of the Interior decrees :---

ART. 1. The quarantines enforced by Ordinance No. 2 of the 21st of April last, are from to-day extended to vessels arriving from all ports on the Spanish coast and islands, and at the same time the period of observation for ships arriving from those places without a case of illness during the voyage, is raised to five days.

Ships at present in quarantine are also subjected to this regulation.

ART. 2. From to-day's date the importation into Italy from Spain and the Spanish Islands of scraps, rags, old unwashed clothes for sale, used bed linen, selvedge, and lint is forbidden. The Prefects of the Maritime Provinces of

The Prefects of the Maritime Provinces of Italy are charged with the execution of this Ordinance.

Rome, July 5th, 1885.

(For the Minister)

Morana.

(H. 5105.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), Whitehall Gardens, July 13, 1885.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Nice, reporting that in the Department of the Alpes Maritimes a quarantine of five days, instead of three as heretofore, will be enforced on arrivals from Spain, and that the measures of quarantine which had been adopted with reference to Portugal have been cancelled.

Admiralty, 10th July, 1885.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870-

Commander Henry Compton Best has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank and title of Retired Captain. Dated 10th July, 1885.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of 22nd February, 1870, and 29th November, 1879—

Lieutenant John Griffin has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank and title of Retired Commander. Dated 3rd July, 1885.

Admiralty, 11th July, 1885.

K.C.B., to be Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet. Rear-Admiral Nowell Salmon, C.B., V.C., to be

Vice-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet. Captain Edwin John Pollard to be Rear-Admiral on the Retired List.

Captain Henry Fairfax, C.B., to be Rear-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Dated 1st July, 1885.

Consequent on the foregoing the following promotions have been made on the Retired Lists from the same date :---

Vice-Admirals :

Frederick Augustus Maxse,

David Robertson-Macdonald,

William Norton Taylor,

Jonas Archer Abbott,

John Ross Ward,

George Johnson, Robert Robertson, and

Jasper Henry Selwyn,

to be Admirals.

Rear-Admiral Benjamin Spencer Pickard to be be Vice-Admiral.

Captains :

John William Pike,

Samuel Philip Townsend,

Richard Bradshaw, C.B., and

Thomas Edward Smith,

to be Rear-Admirals.

The following promotion has been made :--

Captain William Elrington Gordon to be Rear-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 5th July, 1885.

Consequent on the foregoing the following promotion has taken place on the Retired List from the same date :---

Captain Bedford Clapperton Tryvellion Pim to be Rear-Admiral.

Admiralty, 13th July, 1885.

Engineer George White has been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 6th June, 1885.