

Foreign Office, February 27, 1886.

NOTIFICATION respecting the Fee to be levied for the Registration of every British Subject, or British Protected Subject, residing within a Consular District on the West Coast of Africa, under the Order in Council of 26th March, 1885.

WHEREAS by the West Africa Order, 1885, it was provided that every person, on every registration, should pay a fee of such amount as the Secretary of State from time to time might appoint; and that the amount of the fee might be uniform for all persons, or might vary according to the position and circumstances of different classes, if the Secretary of State from time to time should so direct; but that it should not in any case exceed five shillings.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby direct that, until further orders, the fee for the registration of any British subject, or any British protected subject, under the above-recited Order shall be fixed at five shillings.

(Signed) ROSEBERY.

Foreign Office, March 3, 1886.

BRITISH CLAIMS AGAINST MEXICO.

THE Earl of Rosebery, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Her Majesty's Minister at Mexico, a Despatch, dated the 28th of January, inclosing a notification from the Mexican Minister for Foreign Affairs, announcing that the President of the Republic has appointed General Don Felix B. Berriozabal to make a preliminary examination of all the claims which have been presented up to this time against the Government of Mexico.

Mr. L. E. G. Carden, Her Majesty's Consul at Mexico, has, with the concurrence of the Mexican Government, been appointed British Representative to assist General Berriozabal in making such preliminary examination and investigation.

The following is the English text of the Article of the Preliminary Agreement for the renewal of relations between Great Britain and Mexico, signed in the city of Mexico on the 6th of August, 1884, which bears upon the subject:—

"The Mexican Government will order an impartial investigation to be made with respect to all the pecuniary claims of British subjects, based on acts of the Federal Government of Mexico anterior to the exchange of the ratifications of these preliminaries, and will provide for the liquidation of the amounts which may be found to be due to them, as well as for the payment of those already recognised by the same Federal Government."

Notice is accordingly hereby given, that all persons having claims against the Government of Mexico, coming within the scope of the present enquiry, should present and forward the same, together with the necessary proofs or vouchers in respect thereof for examination, either direct to Mr. Carden, at Her Majesty's Legation in Mexico, or to the Foreign Office in London, addressed to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, for transmission to Mexico, within six months from the date of the present notification, after which date no further communication upon the subject of such claims can be received.

Windsor Castle, March 1, 1886.

THIS day had audience of Her Majesty:—
Monsieur Jean Gennadius, Minister Resident from His Majesty the King of Greece, to deliver his credentials.

To which audience he was introduced by the Earl of Rosebery, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Downing Street, March 4, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint William Anthony Musgrave Sheriff, Esq. (Chief Justice of British Honduras), to be a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of the Straits Settlements.

(H. 1548.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, March 5, 1886.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Rome, reporting that arrivals from Rio de Janiero and neighbourhood without clean bills of health will be subjected to quarantine unless they have undergone similar quarantine in some intermediate uninfected port.

(H. 1549.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, March 5, 1886.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Lisbon, enclosing the following Notices respecting quarantine issued by the Portuguese Government, viz:—

Maritime Health Notice, No. 303

In view of official information received, and the opinion of the Consultative Board of Public Health having been taken, it is hereby declared that the ports of Morocco which were classified as "suspected" of cholera morbus by Notice No. 268, continue under the same classification; but that vessels proceeding from, or which may have touched at, those ports will be admitted in the ports of Portugal to a three days' quarantine of observation.

Secretary of State's Office for the Home Department, February 24, 1886.

(Signed) ARTHUR FEVEIREO.

Maritime Health Notice, No. 304.

In view of official information received, and the opinion of the Consultative Board of Public Health having been taken, it is hereby declared that the ports of Oran and the other ports of the province of Algiers, which were considered as infected with cholera morbus, under Notices Nos. 268 and 277, continue under the same sanitary classification; but that, nevertheless, vessels proceeding from or which may have touched at those ports, will be admitted into Lisbon under rigorous quarantine. And further, it is hereby declared, that the remaining ports of the French Colony of Algiers, as well as those of Tunis and of Tripoli (Notice No. 268), which were considered as suspected of the said disease, remain under the same sanitary classification; but that vessels proceeding from, or which may have touched at, those ports will be admitted into Portugal, and subjected to a three days' quarantine of observation.

Secretary of State's Office for the Home Department, February 24, 1886.

(Signed) ARTHUR FEVEIREO.