

Privy Council Office, April 6, 1889.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council by the Right Honourable Lord Aberdare, G.C.B., praying for the grant of a CHARTER of INCORPORATION to "The Royal Historical Society." And Her Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, notice is further given, that all petitions for or against such grant should be sent to the Privy Council Office, on or before the eleventh day of May next.

St. James's Palace, April 4, 1889.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel Horatio Page Vance, 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 Colonel Henry Hume, C.B., promoted.

Whitehall, April 6, 1889.

THE Queen, taking into Her Royal consideration that upon the decease, without issue, of Henry John Reuben, Earl of Portarlington, in the Peerage of Ireland, which happened on the 1st day of March last, the title and dignity of Earl of Portarlington devolved upon Lionel Seymour William, now Earl of Portarlington, as the only son and heir of the Right Honourable George Lionel Dawson-Damer, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Colonel in the Army, who was the third son of John, first Earl of Portarlington, and brother of John, second Earl of Portarlington, whereby, according to the ordinary rules of honour, the sisters of the said Lionel Seymour William, now Earl of Portarlington, cannot enjoy that title, rank, place, and precedence which would have been due to them had their late father, the said George Lionel Dawson-Damer survived his nephew, the said Henry John Reuben, late Earl of Portarlington, and thereby succeeded to the title and dignity of Earl of Portarlington, Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to ordain and declare that Cecilia Blanche Horatia Seymour, wife of Francis Haygarth, Esquire, Retired Colonel in the Army, late Scots Fusilier Guards, Evelyn Mary Stuart, wife of Francis Sutton, Esquire, late Captain Royal Horse Guards, and Constance Wilhelmina Frances, wife of Sir John Leslie, Baronet, the sisters of the said Lionel Seymour William, now Earl of Portarlington, shall henceforth have, hold, and enjoy that title, rank, place, pre-eminence, and precedence which would have been due to them had their father, the said George Lionel Dawson-Damer, survived his nephew, the said Henry John Reuben, late Earl of Portarlington, and thereby succeeded to the dignity of Earl of Portarlington:

And to command that the said Order and Declaration be registered in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

*Office of the Secretary for Scotland,
Whitehall, April 6, 1889.*

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, nominating, constituting, and appointing

the Right Honourable John Adrian Louis, Earl of Hopetoun, to be Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

(H. 2949.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, April 6, 1889.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch, dated 28th ultimo, from Her Majesty's Representative at Tangier, stating that the Morocco Board of Health have decided to refuse admittance at the ports of Morocco to all arrivals from the ports of Brazil.

Vessels arriving from Palma (Canary Islands) with clean bills of health will henceforth be admitted to free pratique.

(H. 2991.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, April 8, 1889.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the following copy of a Telegram, dated 6th instant, from Her Majesty's Representative at Lisbon:—"Pernambuco declared to be infected with yellow fever from March 1st."

Admiralty, 5th April, 1889.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 1st April, 1881—Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets Francis William Davis has been placed on the Retired List, at his own request, with permission to assume the rank of Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets. Dated 4th April, 1889.

Admiralty, 6th April, 1889.

THE undermentioned Chief Engineers have been advanced to the rank of Staff Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet:—
John Pitt. Dated 17th March, 1889.
David Edward Smith. Dated 5th April, 1889.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
9th April, 1889.*

7th Hussars, Second Lieutenant the Honourable J. G. H. Beresford to be Lieutenant, to complete establishment. Dated 10th April, 1889.

13th Hussars, Captain Edward R. Courtenay, from the 20th Hussars, to be Major, vice A. T. Middleton, retired. Dated 10th April, 1889.

14th Hussars, Second Lieutenant Henry B. Lewis Hughes to be Lieutenant, to complete Establishment. Dated 10th April, 1889.

16th Lancers, Captain James M. Babington has been seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 1st January, 1889.

17th Lancers, Gentleman Cadet William Arthur Tilney, from the Royal Military College to be Second Lieutenant, vice R. Du P. Grenfell, deceased. Dated 10th April, 1889.

Cavalry Depot, Captain H. M. Ridley, 7th Hussars, to be Adjutant, vice Major C. E. Beck, 12th Lancers, whose period of service in that appointment is about to expire. Dated 25th April, 1889.