

I.

The Marquis of Salisbury to Senhor de Freitas.

Foreign Office.

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE, August 20, 1890.

IN view of the great importance in the interests of British and Portuguese commerce of an easy and economical means of transport between the sphere of influence reserved to Great Britain on the south of the Zambesi and the Sea Coast, I have the honour to state that it would be satisfactory to Her Majesty's Government if you could give me an assurance that the traffic rates to be charged on the railway, to be constructed under Article XIV of this Agreement shall not be unreasonably in excess of the proportionate rates per mile charged on other railway systems in South Africa.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) SALISBURY.

Senhor Barjona de Freitas,
&c., &c., &c.

II.

Senhor de Freitas to the Marquis of Salisbury.

Translation.

His Most Faithful Majesty's Legation,

MY LORD, *London, August 22, 1890.*

ON the 20th instant I had the honour to receive a note in which your Excellency, referring to the railway mentioned in Article 14 of the Convention which has now been concluded between the Government of His Most Faithful Majesty and the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, expresses a hope that I may be enabled to give an assurance that the rates chargeable on the railway in question will not be unreasonably high, or out of proportion, per kilometre, to the rates on other South African Railways. I have the honour to state, in reply, that as it is stipulated that the railway is to be constructed in the interests of the two Powers, Portugal would gain nothing by fixing rates which would hinder the transit of goods and passengers, and so preclude the possibility of earning the profits expected from such an undertaking.

I have therefore no doubt that I may declare that it is the intention of the Government of His Most Faithful Majesty that the rates on the above-mentioned railway shall be moderate, and on a par with those of other African railways, without prejudice to the capital employed, and to certain other circumstances which must be had in consideration.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) BARJONA DE FREITAS.

His Excellency the Marquis of Salisbury,
&c., &c., &c.

War Office, August 26, 1890.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments 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.:—

Sir Henry Percy Anderson, K.C.M.G., of the Foreign Office.

To be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:—
Major and Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel Ivor John Cardoc Herbert, Grenadier Guards,
Military Attaché at St. Petersburg.

To be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:—
Henry Hamilton Johnston, Esq., Her Majesty's Consul for the Portuguese Possessions on the East Coast of Africa.

St. James's Palace, August 18, 1890.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint the Reverend John Swire, M.A., Rector of Pease-more, Newbury, Berks, to be one of the Priests in Ordinary to Her Majesty, in the place of the Reverend Thomas Helmore, M.A., deceased.

Foreign Office, June 14, 1890.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Colonel Edward Charles Ross, C.S.I., to be Her Majesty's Consul-General for the Provinces of Fars and Khuzistan, and for the Coasts and Islands of the Persian Gulf, being within the Dominions of Persia.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint William McDouall, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Mohammerah.

Foreign Office, July 29, 1890.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Francis Edward Crow, Esq., now an Assistant in Her Majesty's Consular Service, to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Tehran.

Foreign Office, August 5, 1890.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Captain Samuel Henry Harford, now British Vice-Consul at Sebastopol, to be Her Majesty's Consul in the Canary Islands, to reside at Teneriffe.

Foreign Office, August 25, 1890.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Aurelio Melgarejo as Consul-General at Liverpool for the United States of Mexico.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Adelino Antonio das Neves e Mello as Consul in Demerara for His Majesty the King of Portugal and the Algarves.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Waldemar Ruze as Consul at Kingston, Jamaica, for His Majesty the King of the Hellenes.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Dr. Lisandro Alvarado as Consul at Southampton for the United States of Venezuela.

Downing Street, August 25, 1890.

THE Queen has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of William Boase Morcom, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Counsel for the Colony of Natal, to be the Attorney-General of Natal.

Admiralty, 25th August, 1890.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 1st April, 1881—
Fleet Surgeon John Allan Robertson, M.B., has this day been placed on the Retired List of his rank, at his own request.