

near this spot were assembled, on the 19th day of July, 1588, the Admirals and Captains of the English Fleet then anchored in Plymouth Sound, to await the coming of the "Invincible Armada" of Spain. On that day the Spanish ships were first sighted, and from this port sailed the fleet, under Howard, Drake, Hawkins, and others, which was destined to be the means under Providence of defeating the enemy and saving the Country from invasion.

Three hundred years later, on the 19th day of July, 1888, the first stone of this noble column, raised to perpetuate the memory of our great deliverance was laid; this monument we have caused to be surmounted by a figure of Britannia, which we now ask Your Royal Highness to unveil in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen.

We would point out to Your Royal Highness that this Memorial is designed to illustrate the men and the deeds of that eventful period, and to that end the portraits of the chief Admirals, with their respective coats of arms, together with other devices, will appear on the column. Further, the inscriptions cut in the stone, namely, the Elizabethan motto, "He blew with his winds and they were scattered," and the historical signal of Nelson, "England expects that every man will do his duty," connect the two chief eras in the naval annals of our country.

All classes and sections of society, men of all creeds and shades of politics, have contributed with loyal and patriotic liberality to this commemoration, and we, on their behalf, humbly express our gratification that Your Royal Highness has accepted the duty which this day devolves upon you.

Be pleased to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, our united, most humble and hearty thanks for Her favours, and our continued loyal prayers for Her welfare.

Henry J. Waring, Mayor.

Dated at Plymouth, in the county of Devon, this "Trafalgar Day," October 21st, 1890.

To which His Royal Highness, by command of the Queen, gave the following most gracious Answer:—

"IT gives me much pleasure to be permitted to represent the Queen, my dear Mother, on an occasion of such great national interest.

"Her Majesty authorizes me to express Her cordial approval of the patriotic endeavours of the Corporation of the loyal and Ancient Borough of Plymouth and of the National Armada Commemoration Joint Committees to worthily perpetuate so great an event in the history of our nation, and She has learnt with satisfaction that men of all creeds and shades of politics have contributed, with loyal and patriotic liberality, to the commemoration of the national deliverance achieved by the courage and skill of British Seamen.

"I thank you for the kindness with which you have received me here to-day, and I will not fail to communicate to the Queen your expression of loyal attachment to Her Throne and Person."

Whitehall, October 23, 1890.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Commander Percy Moreton Scott, R.N., Her Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Medjidieh of the Third Class, which His

Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey has been pleased to confer upon him as a promotion in that Order.

Whitehall, October 23, 1890.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Richard Edwards, Esq., Her Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Osmanieh of the Second Class, which His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey has been pleased to confer upon him as a promotion in that Order.

Admiralty, 21st October, 1890.

Navigating Lieutenant Frank John Harwood has been promoted to the rank of Staff Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 11th October, 1890.

Admiralty, 22nd October, 1890.

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

Lieutenant George Beaufort Bedford has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander. Dated 19th October, 1890.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of 22nd February, 1870, 30th April, 1877, and 17th September, 1885—

Fleet Engineer Frederick S. Turner has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 3rd October, 1890.

Paymaster Reginald Cameron Hodder has been advanced to the rank of Staff Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 21st October, 1890.

*Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers.
London Brigade.*

Lieutenant Edward Blakemore Fletcher to be Lieutenant Instructor. Dated 10th October, 1890.

Admiralty, 23rd October, 1890.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant Charles Edward Bird to be Lieutenant. Dated 17th October, 1890.

War Office, 24th October, 1890.

MILITIA.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

The Duke of Connaught's Own Isle of Wight Artillery (Southern Division), Captain H. B. Stanford, Royal Artillery, to be Adjutant, vice Captain J. O. English, Royal Artillery, whose tenure of the appointment expires. Dated 3rd November, 1890.

The Lancashire Artillery (Southern Division), Arthur Cyril Marmaduke Alington, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 25th October, 1890.

The Tipperary Artillery (Southern Division), Captain W. C. Chadwick is granted the honorary rank of Major. Dated 25th October, 1890.

The Glamorgan Artillery (Western Division), Kenneth Lambert Bath, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 25th October, 1890.