

and District of Southend, in the county of Essex, praying that a CHARTER may be granted to the Inhabitants of the said District, whereby the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act may be extended to them; and notice is hereby further given, that the said Petition will be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on the third day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

Privy Council Office, June 23, 1891.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty by the Council of the City of Lincoln, praying, under the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1882," for an alteration of the number and boundaries of the Wards into which the said city is now divided; and notice is hereby further given, that Her Majesty has been pleased, by Her Order in Council of this day's date, to order that the said Petition be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the twenty-eighth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

Privy Council Office, June 23, 1891.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Petition from William Hayman Cummings and others, praying for the grant of a CHARTER OF INCORPORATION under the title of "The Incorporated Society of Musicians," has been presented to Her Majesty in Council; 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 third day of August next.

Whitehall, June 25, 1891.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, dated the 23rd instant, to grant the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom unto Sir George Stephen, Bart., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Baron Mount Stephen, of Mount Stephen, in the Province of British Columbia and Dominion of Canada, and of Dufftown in the county of Banff.

St. James's Palace, June 25, 1891.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Colonel Henry Hugh Oldham, Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, to be Lieutenant in the same Corps, vice Lieutenant - Colonel Sir Gustavus Hume, deceased.

*Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park,
June 25, 1891.*

THEIR Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein have been pleased to appoint Colonel George Grant Gordon to be Treasurer and Comptroller of the Household of their Royal Highnesses.

Whitehall, June 20, 1891.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto Denis Alexander Shine Lawlor, of Sawston Hall, in the parish of Sawston, in the county of Cambridge, and of Grenagh, in the county of Kerry, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace for the said county of Kerry, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a clause contained in an Indenture bearing date the 14th of April, 1875, and of a similar clause contained in the Will of his maternal uncle, Ferdinand Huddleston, late of Sawston Hall aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, take and henceforth use the surname of Huddleston, in addition to and after that of Lawlor, and bear the arms of Huddleston quarterly with his and their own family arms:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

*Education Department, Whitehall,
June 25, 1891.*

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued an order this day for the election of one person by the undermentioned Parish to serve on the School Board of Fawley:—

Denny Lodge Hants

(M. 12431.)
*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,
June 22, 1891.*

HER Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Decoration of the Albert Medal of the Second Class on—

WILLIAM SEED, Chief of Police, Gibraltar, and WILLIAM MCQUE, Corporal, 3rd Battalion, King's Royal Rifles.

The following is an account of the services in respect of which the Decoration has been conferred:—

On the occasion of the sinking of the British steam ship "Utopia," through collision, off Gibraltar, on the 17th March, 1891, when 551 lives were lost, a number of boats were put out by the vessels of the Channel Squadron to the assistance of the shipwrecked persons.

The launch of Her Majesty's ship "Immortalité," while engaged in the work of rescue, fouled her screw, became uncontrollable, and was beaten on to the shore near the breakwater, where she eventually became a total wreck. Two of her crew were drowned, two others swam safely ashore, and the remainder, with eight emigrants from the "Utopia," were rescued in an exhausted condition by officers and men of the Port Department and of the King's Royal Rifles.

Among the rescuers, WILLIAM SEED, Chief of Police, and Corporal WILLIAM MCQUE, of the Rifles, particularly distinguished themselves.

Although the night was intensely dark, with a strong gale blowing and a strong current and heavy sea dashing on the breakwater (which is a low line of jagged rocks, giving no foothold outside the wall of the fortifications), they plunged into the waves with ropes, and, although washed back on the rocks, renewed their attempt until they succeeded in reaching the launch, which was eighty yards off shore, when the rescue was effected.