a Colonization Board for the promotion of the said scheme and the administration of the said fund;

And whereas moneys have also been provided for the purpose of carrying out a like scheme of colonization of inhabitants of the Congested Districts of Ireland;

And whereas We have deemed it expedient that, without prejudice to the proceedings of the Commissioners bitherto had in virtue of Our former Commission, a new Commission should issue, reconstituting and extending the powers of the Colonization Board, and authorizing the said Board to undertake the administration of the said last-mentioned scheme and moneys;

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your fidelity, discretion, and integrity, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint you the said Schomberg Henry, Marquess of Lothian (or Our Secretary for Scotland for the time being), together with you the said Horace Curzon Plunkett, Sir Charles Tupper (or the High Commissioner in London for Our Dominion of Canada for the time being), Sir James King, Robert William Cochran-Patrick (or the Under Secretary for Scotland for the time being), John Foster George Ross-of-Bladensburg, John Muir (or the Lord Provost of Our city of Glasgow for the time being), and Thomas Skinner, to be Our Commissioners for the administration of funds for the purposes of crofter and cottar colonization, and the scheme of colonization from the Congested Districts of Ireland;

And for the better enabling you to carry out the purposes of this Our Commission, We do hereby authorize and empower you by means of your agents or otherwise howsoever, in such manner as you shall deem most expedient from time to time,

- (1.) To proceed in the selection of families from the said districts, and their settlement in the Dominion of Canada:
- (2.) To provide from the funds at your disposal such advances to the settlers as may be necessary, and to undertake the collection of instalments of capital and interest in repayment of the same:
- (3.) To take and hold mortgages on the lands, and liens on the chattels of the said settlers and to proceed in the recovery of debts:

And generally to do all such things and take all such proceedings, as may be requisite and necessary to enable you to carry out the purposes of this Our Commission.

And We do further by these presents authorize and empower you Our said Commissioners to obtain such clerical or other assistance, and to appoint such agents or other officers as you may from time to time deem requisite and necessary, upon such terms as regards remuneration as may be sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you Our said Commissioners when and so often as need or occasion shall require, so long as this Our Commission shall continue in force, do report to Us in writing under your hands and seals all and every your several proceedings had by virtue of these presents.

And lastly We do by these presents ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you Our said Commissioners, or any three of you, shall and may from time to time, at any place or places, proceed in the execution thereof and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And for your assistance in the execution of these presents We do hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Joseph Grose Colmer, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the eighteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, in the fifty-fifth year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command, Lothian.

(H. 7082.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, November 18, 1891.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated 6th November, 1891, from Her Majesty's Representative at Washington, enclosing copy of a Notice issued by the Governor of Louisians, to the effect that the quarantine restrictions issued by him on the 14th April, 1891, are now removed, on and from the 1st November, 1891.

(H. 7127.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),

London, November 19, 1891.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated 19th November, 1891, from Her Majesty's Representative at Constantinople:—"Quarantine on arrivals from coast between Mersina and Lattakia reduced to five days."

Admiralty, 17th November, 1891.

Navigating Lieutenant Thomas Barrington Moody has been promoted to the rank of Staff Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 30th November, 1890.

Admiralty, 19th November, 1891.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of 7th January, 1864, 22nd February, 1870, and 30th December, 1884—

Naval Instructor William Luscombe Easther, B.A., has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 4th November, 1891.

> War Office, Pall Mall, 20th November, 1891.

Royal Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel John Younger, on completion of five years' service as a Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, is placed on half-pay. Dated 30th November, 1891

Lieutenant - Colonel Paul Frederick Michael Baddeley, from half-pay, Superintendent of Harness Factory, Bengal, to be Lieutenant-Colonel Dated 1st November, 1891.

Colonel. Dated 1st November, 1891.
Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Thomas Browell,
from half-pay, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice
R. Walkey, appointed to the Instructional
Staff. Dated 1st November, 1891.

Major Robert Hastings Willoughby Plunkett to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Colonel J. Younger. Dated 39th November, 1891.

To be Majors.

Captain John Murray Simpson, vice A. Broadfoot, promoted Lieutenant-Colonel on half-pay.

Dated 7th November, 1891.