

Authorities, Viceroy, Governors, and others shall approach foreign financiers with a view to contracting a loan, these latter should immediately communicate this fact to the Representative of their country accredited at Peking. The Representative should then ask the Tsungli-Yamen officially whether the loan is authorized by the Central Government, upon a report duly presented to that effect. If such should be the case, the loan may be concluded; in the contrary event, it shall not be valid.

"The Imperial Government will decline all responsibility for loans contracted without its authorization, even though a formal contract be produced bearing the seal and signature of the Provincial Authorities. It is unnecessary to add that the Chinese Government will, in such a case, take no action in favour of the creditors."

The preceding stipulations have been approved by His Majesty the Emperor, in a Decree dated the 25th of November, 1891.

You are instructed to bring this Circular Note, in writing, to the knowledge of the Governments to which you are accredited; it has also been communicated by us to the Representatives of the Powers at Peking.

You will not omit to add that this measure on the part of the Chinese Government has been dictated by the desire to protect the credit of China, as well as the interests of foreign financiers, and that we are, therefore, anxious that this communication should be made public by the Governments to which you are accredited, in order that it may be generally known how this matter stands.

[The following Notice is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette on the 1st instant.]

Foreign Office, February 20, 1892.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Tamiz-ud-din Ahmed to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Hodeida and Camaran.

Downing Street, March 2, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, erecting Her Majesty's Settlements in the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies into the Colony of the Falkland Islands, constituting the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief, and providing for the government thereof.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Sir Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy, K.C.M.G. (now Governor of the Settlements in the Falkland Islands), to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies.

Downing Street, March 2, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Alexander Williamson, John Pourie Robertson, Benjamin Fairweather, James McMurrich Currie, and Edwin Charles Connor, Esqrs., to be Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Honduras.

Whitehall, March 3, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Commander Horatio Nelson Dudding, R.N., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Medjidieh of the Third Class, which His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by

His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, has been pleased to confer upon him in recognition of his distinguished services at the Battle of Tokar.

Whitehall, March 3, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Lieutenant Christopher George Francis Maurice Cradock, R.N., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Medjidieh of the Fourth Class, which His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, has been pleased to confer upon him in recognition of his distinguished services at the Battle of Tokar.

Whitehall, March 3, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto William Benjamin Mason, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Sacred Treasure of the Fourth Class, which His Imperial Majesty the Mikado has been pleased to confer upon him in recognition of his services whilst actually and entirely employed beyond Her Majesty's Dominions in the service of His Imperial Majesty.

Whitehall, February 25, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto Wentworth Cavenagh, of Whitmore Hall, in the county of Stafford, Esquire, and unto Ellen Jane, his wife, eldest daughter of Gordon Mainwaring, and sister and coheir of Frederick Rowland Mainwaring, both late of Whitmore Hall aforesaid, Esquires, deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that they may, in compliance with a clause contained in a certain Deed of Indenture bearing date the 8th day of July, 1871, henceforth take and use the surname of Mainwaring in addition to and after that of Cavenagh, and that he the said Wentworth Cavenagh may bear the arms of Mainwaring quarterly with those of Cavenagh, and that such surname and arms may in like manner be taken, borne, and used by the issue of their marriage; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

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

(H. 1765.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, March 2, 1892.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Telegram, dated 27th February, 1892, from Her Majesty's Representative at Cyprus, stating that Syria is released from quarantine, but is still subject to medical inspection.

(H. 1807.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, March 1, 1892.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Despatch, dated 12th February, 1892, from Her Majesty's Representative at Barbados, stating that yellow fever had broken out on the German barque "Hans," at Barbados, at the conclusion of her voyage from Santos. All necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the disease have been taken.