Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, 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 the Egyptian Government.

> (H. 971.) Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, February 3, 1893.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Circular, issued by the United States Government:

Circular.-Importation of Rags. Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary, Washington, D.C., December 30, 1892. 1892.—Department No. 211, Division of Customs.

To Officers of the Customs and others.

In accordance with the advice of the Supervising Surgeon-General of the Marine Hospital Service the following is issued as an interpretation of Department Circular No. 143, dated August 19, 1892, for the information of officers of customs, consular officers, and others whom it may concern :-

The ports and places from which the importation of rags are at this time absolutely prohibited under the provisions of the abovementioned

Circular, are as follows :-

Paris, Rouen, Havre, Marseilles, Cherbourg, Dunkirk, Nantes, and Lorient in France.

All ports and places in Russia.

All ports and places in the Netherlands.

All ports and places in Belgium.

All of Austria Hungary except Trieste. Hamburg, Altona, and Kiewo, in Germany.

All other places where cholera may be now prevailing, or may hereafter prevail, will be included in this list of places from which rags are prohibited.

This interpretation must not be considered as medifying any of the provisions of the Department Circular No. 143, which is still in force. (Signed) O. L. SPAULDING,

Acting Secretary.

(H. 1014.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, February 4, 1893.
THE Board of Trade have received, through

the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated 30th January, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Madrid, stating that the free pratique granted to arrivals from Lorient is dependent on their having left that port after the 29th, not the 21st, ultimo. The pratique granted to vessels coming from Boom, Malines, Calais, Cherbourg, Nantes, Cronstadt, The Nicolaieff, Odessa, Riga, Taganrog, and Lorient is dependent on their having clean bills of health, and being in good health on board, etc.

The pratique extends to places within 165 kilometres of those ports.

(H. 1042.)

Board of Trade (Hurbour Department), London, February 4, 1893.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of the following Telegram, dated 2nd January, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Cyprus :- "Quarantine has been abolished except five days on Hamburg and the Elbe, and ten on Arabia from Mocha northward."

(H. 1055.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, February 6, 1893.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated 1st February, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Vienna, enclosing the following Circular issued by the Marine Board at Trieste:-

Translation.

Circular No. 1076 of the Imperial Royal Marine Board to all the Imperial Royal Officers and

subordinate Port and Sanitary Officers.

By Decree of January 25, 1893, of the High Imperial Royal Ministers of the Interior and of Commerce (B. L. T. No. 9), in consequence of the cessation of the cholera epidemic in the territories of the Hungarian Crown, the prohibition of the importation and of the transit from the said territories of old clothing, including old shoes as also of old linen cloths and underclothing, issued by Decree of October 28, 1892 (B. L. T. No. 185), has been revoked.

This Decree comes into force with the day of its

This public notice refers to the Government Circular of November 3, 1892, No. 10439.

Trieste, January 29, 1893.

The President, BECHER.

Admiralty, 3rd February, 1893.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of 22nd February, 1870, and 17th September, 1885-Fleet Engineer Richard Irwin has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 18th January, 1893.

Admiralty, 4th February, 1893.

Staff Paymaster Henry Marsh has been advanced to the rank of Fleet Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 15th January, 1893.

The undermentioned Paymasters have been advanced to the rank of Staff Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet :-

Richard Parry Hawkshaw. Dated 5th January,

George Vernon Rashleigh: Dated 5th January.

Alfred William Askham. Dated 10th January, 1893.

War Office, Pall Mall, 7th February, 1893.

1st Dragoon Guards, Quartermaster and Honorary Captain John O'Donnell is placed on retired pay. Dated 4th February, 1893.

5th Lancers, The appointment to a Second Lieutenancy of Gentleman Cadet R. Muller, from the Royal Military College, which was notified in the Gazette of 4th October, 1892, is can-

6th Dragoons, Second Lieutenant A. F. Morse to be Lieutenant, to complete establishment. Dated 8th February, 1893.

9th Lancers, The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:

J. W. H. Russell, vice Lord D. J. C. Compton, seconded. Dated 16th November, 1892.

D. J. E. Beale-Browne, vice J. W. H. Russell, seconded for service with the Army Service Corps. Dated 1st January, 1893.