Office of the Secretary for Scotland, Whitehall, May 2, 1893.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, nominating, constituting, and appointing the Most Honourable Gavin, Marquess of Breadalbane, to be Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the ensuing meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Whitehall, April 26, 1893.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto Oliver Needham Holt, of the Lawn, in the parish of Aigburth, in the county palatine of Lancaster, Gentleman, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may (in compliance with a clause contained in a codicil to the last will and testament of his maternal grandfather, John Manning Needham, late of Gloucester-square, in the parish of Paddington, and of the Brewery, Chiswell-street, in the parish of St. Luke, both in the county of London, Esquire, deceased, take and henceforth use the surname of Needham in addition to and after that of Holt, and that he and they may bear the arms of Needham quarterly with those of Holt; 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.

Education Department, Whitehall, May 4, 1893.

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued an order this day for the formation of a School Board in the undermentioned Parish:—

Toddington ... Bedford

(H. 3867.)

Board of Trade (Horbour Department),

London, May 3, 1893.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated 25th April, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Lisbon, enclosing a Royal Decree, issued on the 20th ultimo, relating to quarantine. The following is a translation of extracts therefrom:—

From the Official Journal, Diario do Governo, No. 91 of April 24, 1893.

WHEREAS it is necessary to regulate the Sanitary Maritime Service at Oporto in such a manner that, without adding to the expenditure of the State and without prejudice to the proper sanitary defence of this country, the legitimate interests of trade and navigation should not be disregarded.

Whereas it is necessary for this purpose that the sanitary operations prescribed in the regulations approved by the Decree of the 4th October, 1889, and which ought to be carried out in the Health Stations of the second class, may be effected in the Bay of Leixoes as regards vessels of large tonnage which may call there.

Whereas it is a forced necessity under the present circumstances of the public finances that

the whole of the expenditure incurred on this account shall be covered by the receipts derived from the same service.

I hereby approve the regulations annexed to this Decree, and signed by the Ministers and Secretaries of State for the Departments of the Interior, Finance, and of Marine and Colonies, who will accordingly carry the Decree into effect.

Given at the Palace, April 20, 1893.

THE KING.

João Ferreira Franco Pinto.
Castello Branco.
Augusto Fuschini.
João Antonio de Brissac das Neves Ferreira

Regulations referred to in the Decree of this date.

ART. 1. A health station, subject to that of Oporto, is established at the artificial Harbour of Leixoes for the purpose of visiting any vessels that may be put into the Bay of Leixoes, from any suspected ports, in order that they may undergo their supplementary quarantine there.

ART. 2. The fees laid down in the schedule annexed to these regulations will be levied for the said visits, and the proceeds, together with the supplementary quarantine taxes at Leixoes, will be applied to the payment of the officials referred to in the same regulations, and to the office expenses of the station, it being understood that no other public money will be applied to these expenses, and any balance that may remain over will become the property of the State.

ART. 3 A post of disinfection is to be set up in the Harbour of Leixoes under the direction of the Chief Health Officer at Oporto, where, whenever circumstances will allow, and after consulting the Board of Public Health, the Government will be at liberty to sanction the disinfection therein of merchandise and luggage coming from suspected ports, provided all communication therewith is strictly prevented, and the expense is defrayed in the manner set forth in the foregoing Article.

ART. 4. Passengers will be allowed to embark under quarantine under the personal supervision and responsibility of the Chief Health Officer by means of a boat, the hire of which and of the men is to be paid by the parties interested.

Under the same conditions the shipment of merchandise may also be allowed by vessels from suspected ports, and as regards vessels from infected ports shipment will be allowed provided the operation is effected by the crews of such vessels, and provided the lighters by which the merchandise is conveyed on board shall undergo quarantine without having any one on board.

ART. 5. Any vessel coming from a suspected port or having called or put into any suspected port, and liable to supplementary quarantine, will be visited on arrival and also at the termination of the term of quarantine in order that she may get free pratique, for which visits the respective fees will be levied according to the class of the vessel.

ART. 7. The Chief Health Officer at Oporto will have under his charge the station at Oporto and that at Leixoes; and to assist him in his duties a Sub-Officer of Health will serve under his orders.

ART. 10. Any provisions in the Sanitary and Maritime Regulations contrary thereto are hereby revoked.

At the Palace, April 20, 1893. João Ferreira Franco Pinto. Castello Branco. Augusto Fuschini.

João Antonio de Brissac das Neves Ferreira.