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*Duchy of Lancaster, March 6, 1896.*

THE Queen has been this day pleased to appoint Sir Peter Carlaw Walker, of Gateacre, Liverpool, Bart., to be Sheriff of the County Palatine of Lancaster for the year ensuing.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 6th day of *March*, 1896.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

Lord James of Hereford.

Sir Nicholas Roderick O'Connor.

WHEREAS by the first section of "The Colonial Probates Act, 1892," it is enacted as follows :—

"Her Majesty the Queen may, on being satisfied that the Legislature of any British Possession has made adequate provision for the recognition in that Possession of Probates and Letters of Administration granted by the Courts of the United Kingdom, direct by Order in Council that this Act shall, subject to any exceptions and modifications specified in the Order, apply to that Possession, and thereupon, while the Order is in force, this Act shall apply accordingly."

And whereas Her Majesty is satisfied that the Legislature of the British Possession hereinafter mentioned has made adequate provision for the recognition in that Possession of Probates and Letters of Administration granted by the Courts of the United Kingdom.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers by the above-recited Act in Her Majesty vested, is pleased by and with the advice of Her Most Honourable Privy Council to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

"The Colonial Probates Act, 1892," shall apply to the British Possession hereunder mentioned :—

The Colony of the Leeward Islands.

And the Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*C. L. Peel.*

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 6th day of *March*, 1896.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS, by an Order in Council made on the fifteenth August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, Her Majesty was pleased to make certain Regulations in order to secure greater uniformity in the rules governing officers of higher rank than the Second Division in the several Departments of the Civil Service :

And whereas it is expedient that similar Regulations, so far as circumstances admit, should be made with respect to pensionable officers in the Consular Service of Her Majesty :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

1. This Order shall apply to all such Consular officers and other persons employed in or in connection with the Consular Service as are entitled to receive superannuation allowances under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1892, and any Acts amending those Acts.

2. Except in the case of officers appointed by Commission from Her Majesty, every person hereafter certificated by the Civil Service Commissioners for appointment to the Consular Service shall be subject to a strict probation for a period of two years, during which his conduct and capacity in the transaction of business shall be subject to such tests as may be determined by the Secretary of State, and he shall not be finally appointed to the Consular Service unless his probation shall furnish to the Secretary of State satisfactory proof of his fitness to be permanently employed in the Consular Service.

3. Promotion of officers in the Consular Service shall be strictly according to merit, and shall take place subject to the following conditions :—

(1.) That there is a vacancy which, under the arrangements sanctioned for the time being by the Commissioners of the Treasury, it is competent for the Secretary of State to fill up ;

(2.) That the work of the Consular Service requires such vacancy to be filled up ;

(3.) That the officer proposed for promotion appears to the Secretary of State to be fit to discharge the duties of the higher office.

4. Every officer hereafter appointed to the Consular Service shall be required to retire at the age of sixty-five on such pension as by the length of his service he is qualified to receive.

Officers heretofore appointed to the Consular Service shall be required to retire at the age of seventy.

If in any special case the Secretary of State is satisfied that the retirement of an officer would be detrimental to the interests of the public service, he may, with the concurrence of the Commissioners of the Treasury, from time to time extend that officer's employment for such period or periods, not exceeding five years, as he may determine.

Nothing in this Article shall affect any existing power of the Secretary of State to require any officer to retire from the Consular Service if he has ceased, from whatever cause, to be fully competent for the performance of his duties.

5. The Consular Service shall be governed by such instructions as may from time to time be issued by a Secretary of State with the approval, in so far as such instructions may affect the expenditure of public funds or the receipt and application of fees, of the Commissioners of the Treasury.