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Privy Council Office, July 14, 1896.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

NOTICE is hereby given that, after the expiration of forty days from the date hereof, it is proposed to submit to Her Majesty in Council, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Act, the draft of an Order in Council annulling the Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea approved by Order in Council of 11th August, 1884 (except Article 10 of such Regulations), and approving other regulations in lieu thereof.

And notice is hereby further given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, copies of the proposed draft Order in Council can be obtained by any public body, within forty days of the date of this notice, at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, July 7, 1896.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be a Knight Grand Cross.
William, Baron Kelvin.

To be a Member of the Fourth Class.
Colonel Lord William Cecil, Groom in Waiting to the Queen and Equerry in Waiting to Her Royal Highness the Princess Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg, as a mark of Her Majesty's appreciation of the special service rendered by him on the occasion of the lamented death of Colonel His Royal Highness Prince Henry Maurice of Battenberg, K.G.

Whitehall, July 13, 1896.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Henry Robert Baines, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Osmanieh of the Third Class, which His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey has been pleased to confer upon him in recognition of his services while actually and entirely employed beyond Her Majesty's Dominions as General Manager in Smyrna of the Cassaba (Ottoman) Railway.

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*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, July 14, 1896.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following copy of a Notice issued by the Belgian Government, viz:—

Choléra in Egypte — Mesures aux frontières.
Le Ministre de l'agriculture et des travaux publics.

Vu l'arrêté royal du 15 juillet 1895, prescrivant des mesures sanitaires relativement à l'importation et au transit de marchandises provenant de pays ou de circonscriptions territoriales déclarés contaminés;

Vu spécialement les articles 5 et 6 de cet arrêté, chargeant le Ministre de l'agriculture et des travaux publics de désigner les pays ou parties de pays à l'égard desquels le régime prévu par le dit arrêté sera rendu applicable, et de régler les mesures à instituer en ce qui concerne les navires considérés comme infectés, suspects ou indemnes au point de vue de la visite médicale, de l'isolement et de la désinfection;

Vu l'avis de la commission sanitaire de l'Escaut,
Arrête:

ARR. 1er. Les dispositions qui font l'objet des articles 1er à 4 de l'arrêté royal du 15 juillet susvisé, sont rendues applicables aux provenances du Delta du Nil, contaminé par le choléra.

ARR. 2. Ces provenances, arrivant par voie de mer, seront soumises à la station sanitaire de l'Escaut et dans les ports d'Ostende et de Nieuport, au régime stipulé par le titre VIII de la convention sanitaire internationale de Dresde.

Bruxelles, le 19 juin 1896.

LÉON DE BRUYN.

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*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, July 14, 1896.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Lisbon, reporting that Hong Kong, Macao, and all the ports of the Province of Canton are free from bubonic plague since July 4.

Admiralty, 10th July, 1896.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Lieutenant Edward John Griffin has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander. Dated 9th July, 1896.