

Foreign Office, January 16, 1897.

HER Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from Her Majesty's Consul-General at Serajevo a despatch, inclosing the text of an Order of the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, dated December 1, 1896, which modifies the passport system hitherto in force in these Provinces, and of which the following are the provisions applicable to foreigners :—

(Translation.)

3. Native and foreign travellers are henceforth relieved from the obligation to present themselves personally to the authorities and are only obliged to prove their identity by their passports or other documents to those who give them lodging.

When travelling within the district of their ordinary domicile (in which case urban and rural districts are to be considered as one) even this obligation ceases, as in this case also hitherto it was not necessary to present themselves.

4. Householders (keepers of lodgings) in District and Sub-District towns are bound to report, within twenty-four hours, either verbally or in writing, to the local political authorities of First Instance the arrival of all travellers taken in for the night who do not belong to the district.

5. The Keepers of Hotels, Inns, and Khans, in the Departmental District and Sub-District towns, who lodge travellers as a business, must keep a Visitors' Book in the prescribed form, and the local authorities must take all necessary dispositions for the daily presentation of these Visitors' Books by the hotel and inn keepers to the said authorities, or for the daily inspection of these Visitors' Books by a Government Official, or, finally, in the hotels in the larger towns, for the daily presentation of the notices of arrival (Meldezettel).

From the foregoing regulations it follows that henceforth travellers are exempt as a rule from any official control at the railway stations, landing piers of steamers, ferries, &c.

As, however, these facilities to travellers exempt no one from the obligation, which still remains in force, to prove his identity on the demand of the authorities, so also in the future there will be no objection, under exceptional circumstances or as regards suspicious looking persons, to the authorities exercising a control over any traveller or travellers either on his arrival or during the journey, but in such cases they must be careful to avoid every vexation and to treat the traveller with politeness.

It must also be remarked that the existing control of the passenger traffic at certain places on the frontier, so as to keep a watch on evil-disposed persons, will be maintained so long as it may appear necessary, and even in the future introduced where needful, as it is nowise intended by the above-mentioned facilities to travellers to hinder the measures taken by the police for the maintenance of order.

Downing Street, January 16, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Harry Langhorne Thompson, Esq. (Administrator of Saint Vincent), to administer the Government of the Windward Islands in the event of the absence, &c., of the Governor.

Whitehall, January 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,

nominating the Reverend Robert Edward Trefusis, M.A., Canon of Exeter, to be Suffragan Bishop of Crediton, in the diocese of Exeter.

Whitehall, January 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Thomas Redfern Kneale, M.A., to the Rectory of Ballaugh, in the Isle of Man and diocese of Sodor and Man, void by the resignation of the Reverend Canon Edward William Kissack, B.A.

Whitehall, January 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Percy Ebsworth, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Imperial Order of the Medjidieh of the Third Class, which His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by 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 Our Dominions in the service of His Highness, as Director of Customs at Alexandria.

Crown Office, January 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to appoint Edmund Widdrington Byrne, Esq., Q.C., to be one of the Justices of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice.

*Education Department, Whitehall,
January 16, 1897.*

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACTS,
1870-1893.**

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

Colne Lancaster

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*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, January 19, 1897.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Constantinople upon the subject of the new Ottoman Regulations for the Pilgrimage to the Hedjaz of 1897.

These Regulations can be seen upon application at the Fisheries Department of the Board any day between 11 and 5.

(S. 373.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, January 19, 1897.*

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 Madrid, reporting that Taihoku, Formosa, and Yokohama have been declared foul.

(S. 397.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, January 19, 1897.*

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 Paris, reporting that the importation into France from Bombay or other plague-infected localities of rags, old clothes, bedding, raw hides, &c., has been forbidden.