And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council: now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Act; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order he forthwith registered by the Registrar of the diocese C. L. Peel. of London.

Foreign Office, January 1, 1897.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to

The Honourable Charles Saunders Dundas to be Her Majesty's Consul-General for the Kingdom

of Norway, to reside at Christiania; William Ward, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul-General for the Free Cities and Territories of Hamburg, Lubeck, and Bremen, the Province of Schleswig-Holstein with Lauenburg, the Grand Duchies of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, the District of Wilhelmshaven, the Province of Hanover, the Duchy of Brunswick, and the Principalities of Lippe-Schaumburg, Lippe - Detmold, and Waldeck - Pyrmont, to reside at Hamburg;

Frank John Stuart Hay Newton, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul-General for the Territory of

Algeria, to reside at Algiers;

Malcolm Hugh Drummond, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for Northern Portugal, with a district bounded to the South by the River

Mondego, to reside at Oporto;

Walter Risley Hearn, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for Gironde and the whole coast line of the right bank of the Gironde up to the Pointe de la Courbe, Upper Vienne, Dordogne, Corrège, Lot - et - Garonne, Tarn - et - Garonne, Ariège, Gers, Upper Pyrénées, Lower Pyrénées, Landes, Lot, and Upper Garonne, to reside at Bordeaux;

Arthur Hermann Vecqueray, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Provinces of Cadiz, Huelva, Seville, and Cordova, to reside at

Cadiz;
George William Crawford, Esq., to be Her
Mnjesty's Consul for the Island of Porto Rico; Montagu Egerton Loftus, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Island of Corsica, to reside at Ajaccio; and

John Bowring Spence, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Island of Madeira and its Dependencies, to reside at Funchal.

Foreign Office, January 16, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. John Anderson as Consul-General of Siam at Singapore; and of Mr. D. McLaren Morrison as Consul of Austria-Hungary at Calcutta.

> (S. 473.) Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, January 22, 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 Dakur, reporting that ships from all ports in England will be placed under observation.

Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, January 22, 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 Paris, inclosing the following Decree by the French Government respecting the importation into France from Bombay and other plague-infected localities of rags, old clothes, &c.:-

Journal Officiel, 16 Janvier 1897.

Le Président de la République française, Sur le rapport des ministres de l'intérieur et des finances.

Vu l'article 1er de la loi du 3 mars 1822 sur la police sanitaire.

Vu l'avis du comité de direction des services de l'hygiène.

Décrète:

ART. 1er. - Est interdite jusqu'à nouvel ordre l'importation en France des drilles, chiffons, linges de corps, hardes, vêtements portés et objets de literie, etc. (non transportés comme bagages), ainsi que les cuirs verts, peaux, débris frais d'animaux, onglons, sabots, etc., venant de Bombay ou de toute autre localité des Indes où la peste aurait été constatée.

ART. 2.—Le ministre de l'intérieur et le ministre des sinances sont chargés, chacun en ce qui le concerne, de l'exécution du présent décret, qui sera inséré au Bulletin des lois et publié au Journal Officiel.

Fait à Paris, le 15 Janvier 1897.

FÉLIX FAURE.

Par le Président de la République: Le ministre de l'intérieur,

Louis Barthou.

Le ministre des finances, Georges Cochery.

(S. 484.) Board of Trade (Fisherics Department), London, January 22, 1897.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Telegram from the Governor of Malta, intimating that vessels arriving from India are not permitted to enter the Harbour.

> (S. 485.) Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, January 22, 1897.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Proclamation issued by the Governor of Natal, in consequence of which arrivals from Bombay will be subjected to twelve days' quarantine after disinfection of the vessel.

MEDALS.—AFRICA.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, January 21, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Medals for the Mwele Expedition, August, 1895, are now ready for issue to those Officers, Seamen, and Marines who were landed from Her Majesty's ships "St. George," "Phoebe," "Barrosa," and "Racoon," and formed part of the Expedition.

The Medal is the same pattern as that issued for the Ashantce War, but without any clasp, the name of the Expedition being placed on the rim; and those Officers and men already in possession of the Medal for former operations will be entitled to have "Mwele, 1895," engraved thereon.

Applications should be made personally or by