

*Downing Street, March 11, 1897.*

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir George Thomas Michael O'Brien, K.C.M.G., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Fiji and Her Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

*Whitehall, March 11, 1897.*

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto William Edmund Garstin, Esq., C.M.G., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Imperial Order of the Medjidieh of the First Class (Grand Cordon), 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 Her Majesty's Dominions in His Highness's service as Under-Secretary of State in the Public Works Department of the Egyptian Government.

*Whitehall, March 11, 1897.*

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto John Lowndes Gorst, 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 First Class (being a promotion in that Order), 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 Her Majesty's Dominions in His Highness's service, as Adviser to the Egyptian Ministry of the Interior.

*Whitehall, March 11, 1897.*

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Harry Maule Crookshank, Esq., F.R.C.S. Edin., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Imperial Order of the Osmanieh of the Second 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 Her Majesty's Dominions in His Highness's service as Inspector-General of Egyptian Prisons.

*Whitehall, March 11, 1897.*

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Frederick Dixon, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Imperial Order of the Osmanieh 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 Her Majesty's Dominions in His Highness's service as Director in the Egyptian Ports and Lighthouses Administration.

*Whitehall, February 27, 1897.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to grant unto George Sydney Strode Lowe, of Newnham Park, in the parish of Plympton, in the county of Devon, Esquire, Captain and Honorary Major of the 3rd Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment, and in the Commission of the Peace for the said county, son of Arthur

Lowe, of Stoke, [in the parish of Devonport, in the county aforesaid, Admiral in the Royal Navy, by Florence, his second wife, younger daughter of George Strode, of Newnham Park aforesaid, both deceased. Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may take and use the surname of Strode in lieu of that of Lowe, and that he and they may take and bear the arms of Strode quarterly with their own family arms; 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 College of Arms.

*Education Department, Whitehall,  
March 10, 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 election of a School Board, under Section 63 of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, in the undermentioned Parish:—

Langton ... .. York

(S. 1097.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),  
London, March 12, 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 Trieste, enclosing the following circular, issued by the Imperial Royal Marine Board, viz. :—

(Translation.)

No. 2080.

Circular of the Imperial Royal Marine Board to all the Imperial Royal Officers and Subordinate Port and Sanitary Offices and Officers:—

By instructions of February the 18th of the current year by the High Imperial Royal Ministries of the Interior, of Commerce and of Finance (B.L.I. No. 54) in addition to the instructions of January the 24th of the current year (B.L.I. No. 29) in consequence of the existence of the bubonic plague in different South Asiatic territories, and taking into consideration the advice of the Supreme Sanitary Council in agreement with the Royal Hungarian Government, the prohibition is decreed of the importation and transit of raw animal substances such as uncalcined hides, unprepared and green; also the importation of bones, horns, hoofs, bladders, and intestines; if the above are sent separate from the carcase, also the importation of animal hair and hogs' bristles from British Indian ports; also from ports on the west coasts as far as the Red Sea.

This Order comes into force on the day that it is received by the respective Custom House Officers and of the Marine Sanitary Offices.

This is issued in addition to the Government Circular of January the 27th, 1897, No. 1122, for information and guidance.

Trieste,

January 21st (? February 21st) 1897,

The President,

BECHER.

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London, March 12, 1897.*

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