

Whitehall, March 22, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Albert Crossland, 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 Fourth 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 as Secretary to the Financial Adviser of His Highness.

Whitehall, March 22, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Andrew Cassels Ramsey, 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 Fourth 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 as Chief Engineer to the Salt Department of the Egyptian Government.

Whitehall, March 9, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto Henry Cairns Oldnall-Russell (calling himself Henry Cairns Russell-Oldnall), of Stone House, in the parish of Stone, and of Sion House, in the parish of Chaddesley Corbett, both in the county of Worcester, a Captain in Her Majesty's Royal Regiment of Artillery, and unto Roger William Oldnall-Russell, of Sion House aforesaid, Gentleman, Bachelor of Arts of the University of Cambridge, Her Royal licence and authority that they may take and henceforth use the surname of Oldnall in lieu of their present surnames, that they may be called Henry Cairns Oldnall and Roger William Oldnall, respectively, that they may bear the arms of Oldnall, and that such surname and arms of Oldnall may in like manner be taken, borne, and used by their issue; the said 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 said College of Arms.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, March 19, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, constituting and appointing the Right Honourable George Arnulph, Earl of Eglinton and Winton, to be Her Majesty's Lieutenant of and in the Shire of Ayr, in the room of the Right Honourable John, Earl of Stair, who has resigned.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, March 19, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct a Commission to be passed under the Privy Seal in Scotland, appointing Sir Henry Duncan Littlejohn, Knt., LL.D., M.D., to the Chair of Forensic Medicine in the University of Edinburgh, vacant by the retirement of Sir Douglas MacLagan, Knt., M.D.

*Education Department, Whitehall,
March 20, 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, under Section 66 of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, of a School Board, in the undermentioned Parish:—

Mottingham Kent

(S. 1195.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, March 20, 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 Athens, reporting that the importation of the following articles is prohibited, viz:—

1. Postal packets and patterns without value.
2. Raw hides, wools, bristles, animals and their products, rags, worn clothes, and linen, and all other articles which are by law considered contagious.

(S. 1201.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, March 23, 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 Hamburg respecting Quarantine:—

British Consulate-General, Hamburg,
MY LORD, March 13, 1897.

I HAVE the honour to report to your Lordship that, according to a notice published in the Hamburg Official Gazette (of which it is not at present possible to obtain a copy), the German Imperial Law of February 8th, 1897, prohibiting, in order to guard against and prevent the introduction of the plague, the importation by sea to this and other ports of the Empire from Persia, the mainland of India, Formosa, Hong Kong, Macao, and from China (south of the thirtieth degree of latitude), of the following articles, viz:—

Linen and cotton wearing apparel, old and cast-off clothing, cast-off bedding, shreds and rags of all sorts, carpets, human hair, untanned skins and hides, unworked hair and bristles, wool, claws, and hoofs is now further extended; that is to say, the prohibition against the importation of the above named articles from the countries aforementioned is made applicable also in case these articles derived from the countries mentioned are imported (by sea) to Hamburg and to other ports of Germany from European countries.

Exemptions from this import prohibition shall (according to section 6 of the Imperial German Law of February 8th, 1897, above referred to), only be granted with the special consent of the Imperial Chancellor.

The Hamburg authorities have accordingly been directed to keep a careful watch over all vessels arriving likewise from European ports at this port, and to see that the above import prohibition is in every case conformed with. Any contravention against such prohibition will, according to section 327 of the German Penal Code, be punished by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM WARD.

The Marquess of Salisbury, K.G.,

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