

Foreign Office, March 27, 1897.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint William Algernon Churchill, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Provinces of Grand Pará, Amazonas, and Maranhão, to reside at Pará.

Foreign Office, April 24, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. William M. Osborne as Consul-General of the United States of America at London; of Dr. Sergio Garcia Uriburu as Consul-General of the Argentine Republic in Great Britain and Ireland; of Mr. Marc Ruddy as Consul of Switzerland at Sydney; of Mr. Luis Marinas as Consul of Spain at Singapore; of Mr. Marc Maniaki as Consul of Greece at Sydney; of Mr. Adriano Rotondo as Vice-Consul of Spain at Glasgow; and of Mr. John Bovey as Vice-Consul of Guatemala at Cardiff.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, April 29, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint Donald Crawford, Esq., Sheriff of Aberdeenshire, to be Vice-Chairman, and Lachlan Milloy, Esq., to be a Member of the Fishery Board for Scotland, in the room of R. W. Cochran Patrick, Esq., deceased.

*Education Department, Whitehall, April 28, 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 Parish:—

Elm Somerset

(S. 1470.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, April 27, 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 Brussels, enclosing copy of a Royal Decree published in the *Moniteur Belge* of the 22nd instant, modifying the Royal Decree of the 8th January last, respecting the importation and transit of goods from East Indian ports (excepting Ceylon) during the existence of the plague, copy of which was published in the *London Gazette* of the 19th January last (S. 409).

The above decree can be inspected at the Fisheries Department of the Board of Trade any week-day between the hours of eleven and five P.M.

*Admiralty, 26th April, 1897.**Royal Marine Light Infantry.*

THE promotions to the rank of Captain of the undermentioned Officers are antedated as follows:—

William Edward Gunnell Connolly to 6th September, 1896.
John Hamilton Lambert to 6th September, 1896.
John Marchant to 19th September, 1896.
Wilfred Noel Edmund Smith to 21st September, 1896.

Admiralty, 27th April, 1897.

THE undermentioned Acting Sub-Lieutenants have been confirmed as Sub-Lieutenants in Her Majesty's Fleet:—

John Bryan Stevenson.

William Ernest Huntingford Lowther.

Dated 14th March, 1896.

Edward Hugh Meredith Nicholson.

William George Astell Ramsay-Fairfax.

Vernon Frederick Tuson.

John Alfred Moreton.

Stephen Bowle Evans.

Dated 15th May, 1896.

Walter Lingen Allen.

Dated 15th June, 1896.

Harold Ernest Sullivan.

Dated 15th July, 1896.

Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets Henry Macdonnell has been promoted to the rank of Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets in Her Majesty's Fleet, and Fleet Surgeon Robert Grant, M.A., M.B., has been promoted to the rank of Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 10th April, 1897.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant Zacheus Marsh to be Lieutenant. Dated 24th April, 1897.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant William Highfield has been confirmed as a Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 7th February, 1896.

Admiralty, 28th April, 1897.

THE undermentioned Staff Commanders have been promoted to the rank of Staff Captain in Her Majesty's Fleet:—

Charles Brent. Dated 1st April, 1897.

Henry Emilius Wood. Dated 7th April, 1897.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 1st April, 1881—Fleet Surgeon John Kelly Conway, M.D., has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets. Dated 25th April, 1897.

Admiralty, 29th April, 1897.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Staff Captain William Henry James has this day been placed on the Retired List, at his own request, with permission to assume the rank of Captain.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Robert McWhannell is appointed Engineer. Dated 27th April, 1897.

War Office, Pall Mall,

30th April, 1897.

Royal Horse Guards, Major Edward George, Lord Skelmersdale, retires from the Service receiving a gratuity. Dated 1st May, 1897.

Veterinary-Lieutenant Francis B. Drage, Army Veterinary Department, to be Veterinary-Lieutenant, in succession to Veterinary-Major J. Reilly, promoted. Dated 1st May, 1897.

5th Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant-Colonel Maunsell Bowers, on completion of his period of service in command of the Regiment, is placed on half-pay. Dated 25th April, 1897.

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, from 13th Hussars, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice M. Bowers. Dated 25th April, 1897.