Foreign Office, June 16, 1897.

PASSPORTS FOR SPAIN.

THE Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received information from Her Majesty's Representatives in Spain that great inconvenience is often caused in that country to British subjects who are unprovided with passports or other documents establishing their identity.

It is therefore very desirable that persons who propose to travel in Spain should not only provide themselves with passports, but should also take steps to have the visa of a Spanish Consular Officer affixed to them.

Downing Street, June 16, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 14th June, 1897, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to amend the Letters Patent dated 17th March, 1885, constituting the office of Governor and Commanderin-Chief of the Windward Islands.

Downing Street, June 17, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Mr. Harry Whittall Venn, who served for more than three years as a Member of the Executive Council of the Colony of Western Australia.

Whitehall, June 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seul of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for presenting the Reverend Morgan Evans to the Prebend in the Cathedral Church of Saint David's, void by the death of the Reverend Prebendary William Harris.

Whitehall, June 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 15th instant, to appoint Edward James Castle, Q.C., to be Recorder of the City and County of Bristol, in the room of Arthur Ruscombe Poole, Esq., Q.C., deceased.

(S. 1831.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, June 18, 1897.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated 16th instant, from Her Majesty's Representative at Athens, reporting that arrivals from Arabian Coast of Red Sea, from 7th instant, Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb to Suez inclusive, are forbidden admission in Greek ports. This is on account of plague at Jeddah.

(S. 1834.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, June 18, 1897.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated 16th instant, from Her Majesty's Representative at Lima, reporting 10 days' quarantine against arrivals from Panama.

(S. 1835.)

Board of Trade (Fisherics Department), London, June 18, 1897.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Notice from the Governor of Barbados, declaring Panama infected and Colon non-infected.

Admiralty, 15th June, 1897.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870, the undermentioned Officers have been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Captain :--

Commander Henry Pearson. Dated 31st May, 1897.

Staff Commander James Robert William Quinn. Dated 7th'June, 1897.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of 22nd February, 1870, and 5th February, 1872-

Chaplein and Naval Instructor the Reverend Frederick Jeremiah Matthews, M.A., has this day been placed on the Retired List at his own request.

India Office, 18th June, 1897.

INDIAN STAFF CORPS.

To be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major Henry Napier McRae. Dated 25th March, 1897.

To be Majors.

Major John Shakespear, C.I.E., D.S.O., 'from the Leinster Regiment. Dated 28th March, 1896, but to rank from 12th August, 1895.

Captain Hugh Harry Haworth Aspinall. Dated 22nd March, 1897.

Lieutenants to be Captains.

Dated 28th April, 1897.

Arthur Knox Armstrong.

Charles Cameron Leveson-Gower.

Benjamin Proctor Simpson Rooke. Philip Charles Palin.

To be Lieutenants.

- Lieutenant John Marshall Molesworth Collard, from the Northamptonshire Regiment. Dated 26th August, 1895, but to rank from 28th July, 1893.
- Lieutenant Vere de Vere Hunt, from the Royal Artillery. Dated 11th October, 1895, but to rank from 24th July, 1894.
- Lieutenant Ernest Septimus Gale, from the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Dated 11th March, 1897, but to rank from 10th January, 1896.
- Lieutenant Arthur Lyster Longhurst, from the Border Regiment. Dated 25th February, 1897, but to rank from 26th August, 1896.

Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants. Dated 25th February, 1897. George Augustus Hawks. Dated 28th February, 1897. Alexander Shairp. Dated 16th April, 1897. George de la Poer Beresford Pakenham. Arthur Francis Henderson. Henry Edward ap Rhys Pryce. William Hugh Simpson. Charles Herbert Villiers-Stuart. George Kendall Channer. Charles Alexander Campbell Godwin. Esme Cosmo William Conway-Gordon. Oliver St. John Skeen. Malcolm Henry Burdett Geddes. To be Second Lieutenants.

Second Lieutenant George David Bruce, from the Royal Fusiliers. Dated 27th February, 1897, but to rank from 20th May, 1893.