

Barrow-in-Furness, Members of the Children's Patriotic Society.

Gillingham and District Free Church Council, Members of the.

Sandwich Corporation.

Bath Corporation.

Cheriton Parish Council.

Deputies of Protestant Dissenters of the Three Denominations—Presbyterian, Independent, and Baptist.

Grand Executive Council of the Order of Buffaloes, Cheltenham College.

Princethorpe Parish Council.

The Women of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Colonies.

*Privy Council Office, August 3, 1897.*

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

MERSEY CHANNELS ACT, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that, after the expiration of forty days from the date hereof, it is proposed to submit to Her Majesty in Council, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Acts, the draft of an Order in Council revoking the Orders in Council of 9th May, 1892, and 13th August, 1895, and making new Rules concerning lights and signals to be carried, and the steps for avoiding collisions to be taken by vessels navigating the River Mersey and the sea channels or approaches thereto within certain specified limits.

And notice is hereby further given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, copies of the proposed draft Order in Council can be obtained by any public body, within forty days of the date of this notice, at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall.

*Buckingham Palace, July 30, 1897.*

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant Frederick Edward Grey Ponsonby, Grenadier Guards, Equerry in Ordinary to The Queen, to be Assistant Keeper of the Privy Purse and Assistant Private Secretary to Her Majesty.

*Whitehall, July 31, 1897.*

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for presenting the Reverend Edward Walter Walshaw Payne to the Vicarage of Hilmarton, in the county of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury, void by the resignation of the Reverend Ralph Walker, M.A., the last Incumbent.

*Whitehall, August 3, 1897.*

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Frederick Arthur, Earl of Derby, G.C.B., to be Her Majesty's Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Lancaster, in the room of William Philip, Earl of Sefton, K.G., deceased.

(S. 2120.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, August 3, 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 Baghdad, reporting that the quarantine against arrivals from Persian ports of the Persian Gulf has been reduced to five days.

(S. 2122.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, August 3, 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 Rome, enclosing the following Quarantine Notice, viz. :—

(Translation.)

Marine Sanitary Ordinance, No. 6.

Taking into consideration, &c., it is decreed :—

Decree.

ART. 1. Raw dried hides are no longer to be included among goods whose importation from places infected with the Bubonic Plague is prohibited, and they may be freely introduced into the Kingdom.

ART. 2. Sentence C, of Article 4, of the Marine Sanitary Ordinance No. 3, of May 8th, 1897, and Article 2 of the similar Ordinance of the same date, No. 4, are modified in this sense.

The prefects and the port captains and officials will see to the carrying out of the present Ordinance.

Rome, July 15, 1897.

(S. 2127.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, August 3, 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 Constantinople, reporting that the quarantine on arrivals from Persian ports on the Persian Gulf from Mohammerah (?) Muscat, Behrein, and coast of Red Sea between Rebouk and Lith, is rescinded, but that this does not apply to pilgrims.

(S. 2138.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, August 3, 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 Lisbon, reporting that it has been decided to apply the provisions set forth in the Notice of the 14th April last to arrivals from Formosa.

*Admiralty, 29th July, 1897.*

*Royal Marine Artillery.*

THE date of promotion of the undermentioned Officers has been antedated as stated against their names :—

Major C. L. N. Bishop to 4th June, 1897.

Major H. D. Drake to 12th June, 1897.

Captain F. L. Dibblee to 4th June, 1897.

Captain E. McCarthy to 12th June, 1897.

Captain Frederick George Kappey to be Major. Dated 16th June, 1897.

Lieutenant Frederick William Lumsden to be Captain. Dated 16th June, 1897.

*Admiralty, 30th July, 1897.*

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

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

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

Sub-Lieutenant Walter Wyndham Verrall has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Dated 28th July, 1897.