

BY virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-second year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to extend the Act of the twenty-fourth year of King George the Third, chapter twenty-six, for issuing writs during any recess of the House of Commons, whether by prorogation or adjournment;" and of an Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to further limit and define the time for proceeding to Election during the Recess:"

I do hereby give notice, that it hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two Members serving in this present Parliament, in the manner required by the said Act, that Dunbar Plunket Barton, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law in Ireland, late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the Mid-Division of the County of Armagh, hath accepted the office of Her Majesty's Solicitor-General in Ireland, and has been gazetted thereto in the Dublin Gazette, dated the 4th day of January, 1898, and has thereby vacated his seat, and that I shall issue my Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said Mid-Division of the County of Armagh, at the end of six days after the insertion of this notice in the London Gazette.

Given under my hand this sixth day of January, 1898.

ARTHUR O'CONNOR.

Admiralty, 6th January, 1898.

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

Lieutenant Harry Clarence Boyle has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 27th December, 1897.

Royal Naval Reserve.

The following Sub-Lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant:—

Arthur Porrett Dix.

George Downing Bowles.

Dated 1st January, 1898.

William Edwin Moses.

Dated 3rd January, 1898.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Cambridge.

John Aston Fielden, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 4th January, 1898.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Devon.

Sir Robert Hunt Stapylton Dudley Lydston Newman, Bart., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

George Christopher Davie, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Worcester.

Isaac Averill, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of the County of York.

Robert Aspland Marillier, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 29th December, 1897.

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

THE Board of Trade have, after modification, confirmed an Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, entitled the Potteries Light Railways Order, 1897, authorizing the construction of Light Railways in the Potteries District of Staffordshire.

Board of Trade, January 4, 1898.

WHITEHAVEN.

LIMITS OF PORT.

WE, the undersigned, being two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, do hereby under the authority of "The Customs Consolidation Act, 1876," appoint Whitehaven to continue and be a Port in that part of the United Kingdom called England, and we do hereby declare that the limits of the said Port shall commence at mid-stream of the River Esk where it is crossed by the Eskmeals Viaduct of the Furness Railway, thence along the mid-stream of the said river on the east side thereof to a spot north of the north point of Eskmeals, thence along mid-channel of the estuary of the Esk and along the sea coast to a stream called Loura Beck, which stream separates the parishes of Mor-sby and Harrington; and also that the limits of the said Port shall extend to a distance of three miles from low water mark out to sea, and include all islands, rivers, bays, roads, harbours, creeks, streams, waters, watercourses, channels, havens, and places within the same respectively; and we do hereby annul all former limits of the said Port of Whitehaven.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, this thirtieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

H. T. Anstruther.

W. H. Fisher.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

LIMITS OF PORT.

WE, the undersigned, Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, do hereby, under the authority of "The Customs Consolidation Act, 1876," appoint Barrow-in-Furness to continue and be a Port in that part of the United Kingdom called England, and we declare that the limits of the said Port shall commence at a place called Greenodd, in the county of Lancaster, being the northern boundary of the Port of Lancaster, and shall extend in a southerly direction along the west side of the River Leven to mid-stream thereof, thence round the Peel of Fowdry and the Island of Walney, and along the coast to mid-channel of the estuary of the River Esk, thence along mid-channel of the said estuary to mid-stream of the said river north of the north point of Eskmeals, and thence along mid-stream of the said river on the west side thereof to the place where the river is crossed by the Eskmeals Viaduct of the Furness Railway; and also that the said limits shall extend seawards to a distance of three miles from low water mark along the coast within the said limits, and shall include all islands, rivers, bays, roads, harbours, creeks, streams, waters, watercourses, channels, havens, and places within the said limits respectively; and we do hereby annul all former limits of the said Port of Barrow-in-Furness.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, this thirtieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

H. T. Anstruther.

W. H. Fisher.