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TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1898.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
April 9, 1898.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Queen's Birthday will be Celebrated, in London alone, on Saturday, the 21st of May next, and at all other Stations, Naval and Military, on Tuesday, the 24th of May next.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
April 18, 1898.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed after Tuesday, the 26th instant, until further orders.

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George,
Downing Street, April 16, 1898.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George :

To be an Honorary Member of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Distinguished Order :—

His Excellency Major Joaquim Augusto Mousinho de Albuquerque, Royal Commissioner and Governor-General of the Province of Moçambique, in recognition of services rendered to Her Majesty's Government during Military operations in Mashonaland and Matabeleland, by assisting the passage of British Troops through Portuguese Territory.

Foreign Office, March 28, 1898.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. John Bovey as Consul of Colombia at Cardiff.

Whitehall, April 18, 1898.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 16th instant, to appoint Edward North Buxton, Esq., to be a Member of the Royal Commission on the Liquor Licensing Laws, in the room of Sir Frederick Seager Hunt, Bart., resigned.

Whitehall, March 19, 1898.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto Sybil Maud Mynors-Baskerville, of Clyro Court, in the county of Radnor, Spinster, eldest daughter of Walter Thomas Mynors-Baskerville, of Clyro Court aforesaid, by Bertha Maria, his wife, only daughter and heir of John Hopton, of Canon Frome Court, in the county of Hereford, Esquire, all deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that she may take and use the surname of Hopton only in lieu and instead of that of Mynors-Baskerville, and may bear the arms of Hopton quarterly with her own family arms; the said arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said licence and permission to be void and of none effect :

And also to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

(S. 1225.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, April 18, 1898.*

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 Rome, intimating that Canton, Hong Kong, Macao, and the Hedjaz (Arabia) are declared places infected with plague, and that arrivals from those places will be subjected to the Regulations contained in Marine Sanitary Ordinance (No. 3) of 8th May, 1897.

(S. 1237.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, April 18, 1898.*

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, by a decision of Board of Health, ships having cases of plague on board will be repulsed after landing mails under strict supervision.

Admiralty, 15th April, 1898.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—
Captain Herbert Ward Dowding has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 11th April, 1898.