

Honorary Lieutenant Rajkumar Bir Bikram Singh of Sirmur is granted the honorary rank of Captain.

THE undermentioned Officers, had they survived, would have been recommended to Her Majesty for rewards, in recognition of their services during the recent operations on the North-West Frontier of India:—

Major-General A. G. Yeatman-Biggs, C.B.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Haughton, Indian Staff Corps.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) J. L. O'Brien, Indian Staff Corps.

Major W. W. Taylor, Indian Staff Corps.

Captain J. G. Robinson, Indian Staff Corps.

Lieutenant G. W. M. West, Indian Staff Corps.

Lieutenant A. J. M. Higginson, Indian Staff Corps.

*Foreign Office, April 16, 1898.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Ernest Stowell Scott to be a Third Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

*Foreign Office, May 16, 1898.*

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Cavaliere Pasquale Corte as Consul-General of Italy at Melbourne; Hadji Mohammad Khan, Kashaf-es-Saltaneh as Consul-General of Persia at Bombay; Don José B. N. G. Filho as Consul of Brazil at Glasgow; Mr. James C. McCook as Consul of the United States of America at Dawson City, North-West Territories; Mr. James Henry Brooks as Consul of Germany at Mahé, for the Seychelles; Mr. R. J. Black as Consul of Austria-Hungary at Madras; Don Joaquin Torroja as Consul of Spain at Halifax; Don Pedro Solis as Consul of Spain at Quebec; Don Manuel G. Cruz as Consul of Spain at Vancouver; Don Felipe Castro de los Rios as Consul of Spain at Port Antonio, Jamaica; Don F. Becerra as Consul of Ecuador at Port of Spain, Trinidad; Don Manuel M. Coll as Vice-Consul of Spain at Montreal; Don José G. Acuña as Vice-Consul of Spain at Bermuda; Don José Buigas as Vice-Consul of Spain at Kingston; Mr. Edwin Fenton as Vice-Consul of Greece at Hull; and Mr. M. J. Acevedo as Vice-Consul of Ecuador at London.

(S. 1445.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, May 19, 1898.*

THE Board of Trade have received the following copy of a Circular issued by the Imperial and Royal Marine Board at Trieste, viz.:—

Circular No. 4059 of the Imperial and Royal Marine Board to all the Imperial and Royal Offices and Officers, and Subordinate Port and Sanitary Offices and Officers.

From official information it appears that cattle-plague (pesta bovina) has broken out in the Cape Colony, South Africa.

The Imperial and Royal Marine Board (at Trieste), in agreement with the Imperial and Royal Marine Board at Fiume, according to the Law of February 29, 1880, on the means for preventing and suppressing cattle-plague, and in accordance with the Decree (B.L.I., 1880, Nos. 27 and 38), orders as follows:—

1. The importation and transit is prohibited into Austro-Hungarian ports from the infected places of the Cape Colony:—

(a.) of cattle and other ruminant animals, alive or dead.

(b.) all parts of ruminant animals, offal, raw substances, fresh or dried.

The following are excepted:—Milk products, tallow, sheep's wool if it has been washed or disinfected by heat and packed in sacks or bales.

(c.) of forage, straw, and other litter, and of manures.

(d.) of used stable tools and carriage implements, of used clothing and stockings intended for the rag trade.

Hay and straw and other litter which has been used for packing will have to be destroyed soon after the arrival of the goods at the place of destination.

2. The importation and transit from the non-infected parts of the Cape Colony into Austro-Hungarian ports of the above-mentioned animals and articles is permitted if they are accompanied by certificates of origin duly countersigned by the Imperial and Royal Consular Authorities, proving that the said animals and articles are coming from and have passed through non-infected places, also that they have not been stored in infected places.

Failing such certificate, or should a founded suspicion arise of their unhealthy origin, the above-mentioned animals and articles will have to be sent to the nearest quarantine station (lazaretto) in order that they may receive the prescribed sanitary treatment.

BECHER the President.

Trieste, April 21, 1898.

(S. 1473.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department), London, May 19, 1898.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Telegram from the Governor of Malta, viz.:—Free pratique granted to arrivals from Egypt.

*Admiralty, 16th May, 1898.*

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

Lieutenant Peter Onslow Cazalet has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander. Dated 13th May, 1898.

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

Midshipman Frederick Wilsden Wilsden to be Acting Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 13th May, 1898.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Arthur Devereux Bowly has been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 22nd October, 1894.

*Admiralty, 17th May, 1898.*

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

Chaplain and Naval Instructor the Reverend Alexander Nicolls, B.A., has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 23rd April, 1898.

*Admiralty, 18th May, 1898.*

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

Sub-Lieutenant Robert Willoughby Gordon Lowe to be Lieutenant. Dated 17th May, 1898.