

*Earl Marshal's Office,
St. Stephen's House, Victoria Embankment,
May 25, 1898.*

HER Majesty having signified Her Royal pleasure that the public solemnization of the Funeral of the Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone shall take place in Westminster Abbey—

This is to request that all Privy Councillors, under the degree of the Peerage, desirous of being present on the occasion, will signify the same to me, by letter addressed as above, on or before the 26th instant (after which no application can be received), in order that places may be reserved for them.

Those persons in the Procession as also those having seats in the Abbey are to appear in Morning Dress.

The body will lie during Thursday and Friday next, the 26th and 27th instant, in Westminster Hall, to which the public will be admitted. And the Funeral will take place in Westminster Abbey on Saturday morning, the 28th instant. The body will be preceded to the Abbey by both Houses of Parliament and Privy Councillors, and will be followed by the Family and Mourners.

Peers and Members of the House of Commons are earnestly requested to inform respectively the Lord Chancellor's Secretary and the Speaker's Secretary not later than Wednesday evening whether they intend to take part in the ceremony, in order that tickets may be forwarded to them. Privy Councillors who are not Members of either House of Parliament will receive tickets of admission if they apply to the Earl Marshal by Wednesday evening, giving the address to which the tickets should be sent.

Owing to the shortness of the time, it will not be possible to enlarge the accommodation on the floor of the Abbey, and therefore the only persons besides those who take part in the procession and Members of the Corps Diplomatique whom the Earl Marshal will be able to admit will be representatives of national institutions.

It has been decided to invite representatives of the Navy, Army, and Civil Service, and likewise of the Universities and other learned bodies. Invitations to those whom it will be possible to admit in this capacity will be duly forwarded.

With a view to giving as representative a character as possible to the assemblage, it has been further decided that the head of every Municipality and County Council throughout the United Kingdom, or a nominee appointed by him, should be provided with a seat inside the Abbey. Under this designation would come (a) in England, Lord Mayors and Mayors, and Chairmen of County Councils, or a nominee appointed by them; (b) in Scotland, Lord Provosts and Provosts, and Chairmen of County Councils, or a nominee appointed by them; (c) in Ireland, Lord Mayors and Mayors, and foremen of the grand juries at the last assizes, or a nominee appointed by them. Those who propose to take advantage of this privilege, either themselves or by deputy, must inform the Earl Marshal.

No application can be entertained unless it is received by Thursday, and the application must contain the name and designation of the applicant and the exact address to which the ticket should be sent. As no tickets can be issued before Thursday night, care should be exercised to furnish, if possible, an address in London.

Owing to the absence of space, and to the fact that the Public Funeral is intended to be a tribute

of the Nation to the memory of the deceased Statesman, irrespective of party, political organizations will not be represented.

In deference to the wishes already announced, no Flowers will be used; and in order that the Ceremonial may be in keeping with the desire of the Family for simplicity, Morning Dress only will be worn.

All communications to the Earl Marshal should be addressed to St. Stephen's House, Victoria Embankment, London, S.W.

NORFOLK,
Earl Marshal.

Privy Council Office, May 27, 1898.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

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 Act, the draft of an Order in Council fixing the Engineering Establishment to be maintained by the Corporation of the Trinity House.

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.

Foreign Office, May 26, 1898.

THE Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received, through Her Majesty's Acting Consul-General at Lima, a Note, dated the 8th of March last, from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ecuador, denouncing the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation, between Great Britain and Ecuador, concluded on the 18th of October, 1880.

This notice of denunciation, which was received on the 30th of March last, being in conformity with the provisions of Article XXIII of that Treaty, has been accepted by Her Majesty's Government, and the said Treaty will cease and determine accordingly on the 30th of March, 1899.

(S. 1488.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, May 24, 1898.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the following copy of a Notice dated 17th May, issued by the Governor of Malta, viz:—

Government Notice.—(No. 132.)

HIS Excellency the Governor, having heard the opinion of the Board of Health, has been pleased to modify Government Notice No. 124 of the 14th May, 1898, and to direct that the following regulations be observed, viz:—

1. Vessels which are not allowed to enter the harbour, but are allowed to communicate in quarantine with the Islands of Comino and Cominotto under such restrictions as the Collector of Customs may direct.

(a) Vessels that have on board, or have had during the voyage cases of cholera, yellow fever, or plague, or cases of a disease with symptoms resembling those of cholera, yellow fever or plague.

(b) Vessels with pilgrims from the East.

(c) Vessels arriving from Arabian Ports in the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf which have not