

*Foreign Office, July 28, 1898.*

THE Marquess of Salisbury, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Japanese Minister at this Court a Note, dated July 17, 1898, stating that in pursuance of the stipulation contained in Article XXI of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation concluded between Great Britain and Japan of the 16th of July, 1894, it is the desire of His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Government to have the said Treaty brought into operation on the 17th day of July, 1899.

*Whitehall, July 25, 1898.*

THE Queen, taking into Her Royal consideration that, upon the decease of Mary Elizabeth, Countess of Rothes, in her own right, which happened on the nineteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, the title and dignity of Earl of Rothes devolved upon Norman Evelyn, now Earl of Rothes, as the eldest son and heir of the late Martin Leslie Leslie, Esquire (formerly Martin Leslie Haworth), who whilst living was the eldest son and heir of the said Mary Elizabeth, Countess of Rothes, whereby, according to the ordinary rules of honour, the sisters of the said Norman Evelyn, Earl of Rothes, cannot enjoy that place, rank, and precedence which would have been due to them had their father, the said Martin Leslie Leslie, survived his said mother, and had thereby succeeded to the title and dignity of Earl of Rothes. Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to ordain and declare that Mary Eleanor Leslie, Mildred Emily Leslie, and Georgina Leslie, Spinners, sisters of the said Norman Evelyn, Earl of Rothes, shall henceforth have, hold, and enjoy the rank, title, place, pre-eminence, and precedence as daughters of an Earl, to which honour they would have been entitled had their father survived his mother, and had thereby succeeded to the dignity of Earl of Rothes:

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

*Scottish Office, Whitehall, July 27, 1898.*

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, dated the 25th instant, to appoint the Reverend Robert Herbert Story, D.D., to be Principal of the University of Glasgow, in the room of the Reverend John Caird, D.D., who retires on the 1st proximo.

*Admiralty, 26th July, 1898.*

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 1st April, 1881— Fleet Surgeon Thomas Canning Hickey, M.B., has been placed on the Retired List, at his own request, with permission to assume the rank of Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets. Dated 22nd July, 1898.

*Royal Marine Light Infantry.*

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants have been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant from the 1st July, 1898:—

Lewis Charles Lampen.  
Harold Ozanne.  
Gerald Robert Stedall Hickson.  
Cyrus Hunter Regnart.  
Lawrence Norcock.

Egerton Willoughby Still.  
Richard Noel White.  
Frank Valiant Temple.  
Hugh Salusbury Lloyd.  
Bernard Calwoodley Gardiner.  
John Gilbert Horne.  
Charles Shelton.

*Admiralty, 27th July, 1898.*

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

Staff Commander Charles Bertie Clark has this day been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Captain.

Probationary Sub-Lieutenant Frederick Augustus Weymar Roe has been confirmed as Sub-Lieutenant on the Supplementary List in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 23rd February, 1898.  
Clerk William J. C. Cochrane has been promoted to the rank of Assistant-Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 21st May, 1898.

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

Sub-Lieutenant Arthur Hudson Reade to be Lieutenant. Dated 25th July, 1898.

Sub-Lieutenant William Remnant to be Lieutenant. Dated 26th July, 1898.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,  
London, July 26, 1898.*

FOR the purposes of the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1890, and all Provisional Orders and Licences made and issued thereunder, the Board of Trade approve of the pattern and construction of the meter hereinafter described for the measurement of electrical energy when supplied on the constant potential continuous current system, namely:—

The meter deposited at the Board of Trade on the 13th day of August, 1897, by or behalf of the British Aron Meter Company, of 42 Essex-street, London, W.C., and sealed by the Board of Trade and known as the Aron Meter.

The Board of Trade further approve of the following manner of fixing meters of the above pattern and construction and of connecting them with the service lines:—

The meter is to be fixed securely on a vertical wall or support, great care being taken that it is accurately perpendicular as indicated by the plumb line fixed on the left hand side of the case.

In connecting the meter with the service lines one service line is to be cut, the ends prepared as described below, and the conductors inserted and tightly clamped in the left hand pair of terminals, so that the current circulates in the direction marked by the arrows engraved on the terminal blocks. Similarly the other service line is to be cut and its ends prepared as described above and tightly clamped in the right hand pair of terminals.

In preparing the ends of the service lines, the conductor is to be bared of insulating material for a length not less than three-quarters of an inch and not exceeding one inch, the insulation being cut straight across. The outside of the insulating material is to be made to fit closely the hole through which the line is passed to the terminal, indiarubber tape or other insulating material being wound on to the requisite thickness if necessary.

Signed by order of the Board of Trade this 26th day of July, 1898.

*T. H. W. Pelham,  
Assistant-Secretary, Board of Trade.*