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Privy Council Office, August 9, 1898. MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

OTICE is hereby given that, after the expi-IN ration 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 approving an amended Pilotage Bye-law made by the Coleraine Harbour Commissioners.

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.

India Office, August 8, 1898.

THE following General Order, dated 2.'nd April, 1898, publishing corrections of a previous General Order (published in the London Gazette of 11th January, 1898), has been received from the Government of India :---

Government General Order.-(No. 414, "Field Operations-Malakand," dated Simla, the 221d April, 1898) :-

The following alterations are made in G.G.O., No. 1317, dated the 3rd December, 1897 :-

Paragraph 25 of Major-General Sir B. Blood's despatch, No. 5, dated the 27th Octol er, 1897. For the word "finding" in line 4, substitute

"rejoining," and in line 5 dele the words " without knowing it."

War Office, August 9, 1898.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Volunteer Officers' Decoration upon the undermentioned Officers of the Volunteer Force, who have been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrant, dated 25th July, 1892 :-

EASTERN DISTRICT.

RIFLE.

3rd Volunteer Battalion, The Norfolk Regiment. Captain and Honorary Major Henry James Gidney.

3rd (Cambridgeshire) Volunteer Battalion, The Suffolk Regiment.

Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Algernon Jasper Lyon.

HOME DISTRICT.

ARTILLERY.

2nd Middlesex Volunteer Artillery. Captain and Honorary Major William Thatcher.

THE ENGINEER AND RAILWAY VOLUNTEER STAFF CORPS.

Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Charles James Lucas.

RIFLE.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment. Major Arthur Hende Roughton.

1st Volunteer Battalion, The Princess Charlotte of Walcs's (Royal Berkshire Regiment).

Captain and Honorary Major Henry Martin Dowson.

22nd Middlesex (Central London Rangers) Volunteer Rifle Corps.

Quartermaster and Honorary Captain George Buckler Fielder.

2nd London Volunteer Rifle Corps.

Major and Honcrary Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Walter Smith.

20th Middlesex (Artists') Volunteer Rifle Corps.

Captain and Honorary Major Arthur James Davidson.

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

ARTILLERY.

1st North Riding of Yorkshire, Volunteer Artillery (Il estern Division, Royal Artillery).

Major William Richardson.

Engineers.

1st Newcastle-on-Tyne Royal Engineers (Volunteers).

Major Alfred Emley.

RIFLE.

3rd Volunteer Battolion, The Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment).

Captain and Honorary Major John Walter Stead.

1st Volunteer Battalion, The Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment).

Captain and Honorary Major Edward Hamilton.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment).

Captain and Honorary Major James Mitchelson Mitchelson.

> 1st Volunteer Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry.

Major William Hawdon.