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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1898.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
December 13, 1898.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the Public on and after Thursday, the 22nd instant, on every week day, Wednesdays excepted, under the usual Regulations, until further orders.

Foreign Office, December 12, 1898.

IT is hereby notified, that the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received a Telegraphic Despatch from Rear-Admiral Noel, commanding Her Majesty's Naval Forces in Cretan Waters, to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, announcing that the Admirals in command of the British, French, Italian, and Russian Naval Forces have issued a Notification to the effect that the Blockade of the Island of Crete, established on the 21st of March, 1897 (of which notice was given in the London Gazette of the 19th of March, 1897), is raised from the 5th December, but that the importation of arms and munitions of war into Crete is absolutely prohibited.

Windsor Castle, December 6, 1898.

THIS day had Audience of Her Majesty:—
His Excellency Baron de Courcel, to present his Letters of Recall as Ambassador from the President of the French Republic.

Windsor Castle, December 9, 1898.

THIS day had Audience of Her Majesty:—
His Excellency Monsieur Paul Cambon, to present his Credentials as Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the President of the French Republic.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, December 8, 1898.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Knight Grand Cross.

Major His Highness Prince Christian Victor A. L. E. A. of Schleswig-Holstein, G.C.B., King's Royal Rifle Corps.

To be Knights Commander.

Captain His Serene Highness Prince Francis J. L. F. of Teck, D.S.O., 1st Royal Dragoons.
Second Lieutenant Prince Alexander A. F. W. A. G. of Teck, C.V.O., 7th (Queen's Own) Hussars.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

*Chancery of the Order, St. John's Gate,
Clerkenwell, London, E.C.,
December 10, 1898.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to sanction the following appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—

Knight of Justice.

Captain Nathaniel George Philips (promoted from Knight of Grace).

Knight of Grace.

General Sir Richard Harrison, K.C.B., C.M.G.

Lady of Grace.

Caroline, Mrs. Shaen.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
December 6, 1898.*

THE Queen has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

The Reverend Herbert Edward Ryle, D.D., Hulsean Professor of Divinity at Cambridge and Honorary Chaplain to Her Majesty, to be one of the Chaplains in Ordinary to Her Majesty, in the room of the Reverend James Edward Cowell Weldon, M.A., now Bishop of Calcutta.

The Venerable Archdeacon William Donne, M.A., Vicar of Wakefield and Honorary Chaplain to Her Majesty, to be one of the Chaplains in Ordinary to Her Majesty, in the room of the Honourable and Reverend Arthur Temple Lyttelton, M.A., now Bishop Suffragan of Southampton.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint the Honourable and Reverend John Stafford Northcote, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Westminster, and the Reverend Handley Carr Glyn Moule, D.D., Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, to be Honorary Chaplains to Her Majesty.