

following copy of a Notice issued by the United States of America respecting the importation of Hides:—

Disinfection of Hides of Neat Cattle shipped to the United States.

1899. Department Circular No. 11.

Division of Customs.

Treasury Department.

Office of the Secretary,

Washington, D.C., January 23, 1899.

To Collectors of Customs and Others:

Department's Circular of November 22, 1895 (Synopsis 16557), provides for the disinfection of hides of neat cattle, other than those which have been arsenic cured or dry salted, when imported from the countries of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and South America, and further directs that hides of neat cattle, other than dry salted or arsenic cured, the product of the countries above named, will require disinfection as above whenever they shall be shipped via the ports of any other country; and that hides, other than dry salted or arsenic cured, the product of any country not named above, if trans-shipped and actually landed at ports in any of the countries named, will require disinfection.

It having been represented to the Department that great injury results to moist hides by the process of disinfection prescribed by said Circular, and as hides stripped from cattle at abattoirs are presumably in a condition not requiring disinfection, it is hereby directed that, so far as the countries of Norway, Sweden, and Great Britain are concerned, entry into the United States may be allowed of moist hides imported direct therefrom without disinfection, provided the invoice shall contain the declaration of the shipper that the hides are the product of such countries and were stripped from the cattle in those countries, and that a certificate shall also be produced from the official veterinarian to the effect that the hides were taken from perfectly healthy cattle.

W. B. HOWELL, Assistant Secretary.

(F. & H. 3215.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, February 28, 1899.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Alexandria, intimating that plague rules have been imposed in Egypt against arrivals from Calcutta.

(F. & H. 3630.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, February 28, 1899.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Alexandria, viz.:—Plague at Jeddah, following measures decreed. Cordon and isolation, pilgrims now at Jeddah transported to Abon Saad till further notice. No one to proceed to Mecca from Jeddah. No pilgrims arriving at Jeddah to land until special pier built. Ten days' quarantine imposed on arrivals from Jeddah at Turkish Ports.

Admiralty, 23rd February, 1899.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Grant Wilkinson is placed on the Retired List, at his own request, under the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 29th November, 1881. Dated 22nd February, 1899.

Captain Edward Samuel Dashwood Crowther to be Major, vice Wilkinson, retired. Dated 22nd February, 1899.

Lieutenant Cecil William Robert Dalton to be Captain, vice Crowther, promoted. Dated 22nd February, 1899.

Admiralty, 25th February, 1899.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant Richardson Bell to be Lieutenant. Dated 22nd February, 1899.

Midshipman Charles Barrington Wiatt to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 22nd February, 1899.

Admiralty, 27th February, 1899.

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

Lieutenant Moultrie Bickerton Fowke has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander. Dated 25th February, 1899.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Devon.

Richard Bowerman West, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Durham.

The Honourable Claud Eustace Hamilton-Russell to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 20th February, 1899.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1878.

IN pursuance of Section 67 of the above Act, the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been pleased to appoint Ernest Shepperson Wilson, Esq., to be an Inspector of Factories and Workshops.

Whitehall, February 15, 1899.

FAIRS.

Alteration of Date.

WEDMORE (SOMERSET).

WHEREAS a representation has been duly made to me as Secretary of State for the Home Department, by the Axbridge Union Rural District Council, that a Fair has been annually held at Wedmore on the Monday preceding the 25th day of July, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fair should in future be held on the last Monday in July.

And whereas notice of the said representation, and of the time when I should take the same into consideration, has been duly published in pursuance of "The Fairs Act, 1873."

And whereas on such representation and consideration it appears to me that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fair should in future be held on the last Monday in July.

Now therefore I, as Secretary of State for the Home Department, in exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Fairs Act 1873," do hereby order that the Fair which has been annually held at Wedmore on the Monday preceding the 25th day of July, shall in future be held on the last Monday in July.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 23rd day of February, 1899.

M. W. Ridley,

One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.