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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1899.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, November 23, 1899.*

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

To be Honorary Knights Grand Cross.

Count Bernhard von Bülow.
Count August zu Eulenburg.
General Hans von Plessen.
Admiral Baron Gustav von Senden-Bibran.

To be Honorary Knights Commanders.

Major-General Friedrich von Scholl.
Baron Bodo von dem Knesebeck.

To be Honorary Commanders.

Lieutenant-Colonel Fritz von Rauch.
Lieutenant-Colonel Kurt von Pritzelwitz.
Captain Count Oskar von Platen zu Hallermund.

To be a Member of the Fourth Class.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel James Moncrieff Grierison, R.A.

To be Honorary Members of the Fourth Class.

Herr Reinhold Klehmet.
Doctor Friedrich Ilberg.

Bristol, November 15, 1899.

THE Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Herbert Ashman, Esq., J.P., Lord Mayor of Bristol.

Windsor Castle, November 28, 1899.

THE Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on George Farwell, Esq., one of the Judges of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice.

Windsor Castle, November 28, 1899.

THE Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Franklin Lushington, Esq., Chief Magistrate of the Metropolitan Police Courts.

BY virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-second year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to extend the Act of the twenty-fourth year of King George the Third, chapter twenty-six, for issuing writs during any recess of the House of Commons, whether by prerogation or adjournment;" and of an Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to further limit and define the

"time for proceeding to Election during the Recess:"

I do hereby give notice, that it hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two Members serving in this present Parliament, in the manner required by the said Act, that the Right Honourable John Blair Balfour, late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the combined Counties of Clackmannan and Kinross, hath accepted the office of Lord Justice General and President of the Court of Session in Scotland, and has been gazetted thereto in the Edinburgh Gazette, dated the 28th day of November, and has thereby vacated his seat, and that I shall issue my Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said combined Counties of Clackmannan and Kinross, at the end of six days after the insertion of this notice in the London Gazette.

Given under my hand this 30th day of November, 1899.

W. C. GULLY, Speaker.

(F. & H. 15924.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, November 30, 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 Rio de Janeiro, intimating that quarantine on arrivals from Trieste is cancelled.

(F. & H. 15940.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, November 30, 1899.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following Note respecting quarantine in Roumania, viz.:—

Londres, 21 Novembre, 1899.

MONSIEUR LE MARQUIS,

J'ai l'honneur de porter à la connaissance de Votre Excellence que le Gouvernement Royal, après avoir constaté que la peste a complètement cessé en Egypte et qu'elle est en décroissance aux Indes, a décidé de réduire de 10 jours à 8 jours la quarantaine pour les provenances d'Egypte, et a donné des ordres aux services sanitaires des ports de Constanza et de Sulina d'admettre sans certificat d'origine les provenances des Indes et d'Egypte qui auraient déjà été admises dans un port européen. Quant aux provenances venant directe-