

*Westminster, February 23, 1900.*

THIS day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Act, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1900.

(F. & H. 3374.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, February 27, 1900.*

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 Copenhagen, intimating that quarantine against Portugal has been suppressed.

(F. & H. 3453.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, February 27, 1900.*

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, reporting that the Rules of Venice Convention are imposed against vessels which left Aden after 17th instant.

(F. & H. 3508.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, February 27, 1900.*

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 The Hague, intimating that Alexandria has been declared free from plague, and the prohibition against import and carriage in transit of rats repealed.

(F. & H. 3509.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, February 27, 1900.*

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 Constantinople, reporting that ten days' quarantine is imposed on arrivals from Aden.

(F. & H. 3516.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, February 27, 1900.*

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 Rome, intimating that Aden has been declared infected with plague, and that the usual quarantine measures taken are to be performed at Genoa, Naples, Leghorn, Palermo, Messina, Brindisi, and Venice.

(F. & H. 3517.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, February 27, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Copenhagen, intimating that the Government of the Danish Antilles have abolished the quarantine against Bahia and Key West.

*Admiralty, 23rd February, 1900.*

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 1st April, 1881—Surgeon Eric Edward Kershaw has been allowed to withdraw from Her Majesty's Naval Service with a gratuity.

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

The undermentioned Sub-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants, viz.:—

Alfred John Coad.

Orry Andrew de Lissa Cowin.

Dated 17th February, 1900.

*Admiralty, 26th February, 1900.*

THE undermentioned Engineers have been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet:—

Thomas Stapleton Guyer. Dated 23rd January, 1900.

George Ernest Wheatley. Dated 7th February, 1900.

*War Office, Pall Mall,*

*27th February, 1900.*

*2nd Life Guards*, Lieutenant Hugh Cecil Sam Ashton, from 5th Battalion the Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own), to be Second Lieutenant, vice Sir George L. L. B. Prescott, Bact., promoted. Dated 28th February, 1900.

*Royal Horse Guards*, Lieutenant Allan James Reginald Mackenzie, from 3rd Battalion the Bedfordshire Regiment, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant J. G., Marquis of Tullibardine, D.S.O., promoted. Dated 28th February, 1900.

*7th Dragoon Guards*, Supernumerary Captain Henry A. Lempriere to be Captain, vice C. W. Battine, transferred to 15th Hussars. Dated 28th February, 1900.

*15th Hussars*, Captain Harold A. L. Tagart is seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 19th February, 1900.

Captain Cecil William Battine, from 7th Dragoon Guards, to be Captain, vice H. A. L. Tagart. Dated 28th February, 1900.

*17th Lancers*, Lieutenant Maurice Edward Weston Pope (University Candidate), from 3rd Battalion the Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regiment), to be Second Lieutenant, on augmentation. Dated 28th February, 1900.

THE IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel A. G. Lucas, Suffolk Yeomanry, to be Deputy Adjutant-General for Imperial Yeomanry, with the temporary rank of Colonel in the Army. Dated 28th February, 1900.

To be Assistant Adjutant-Generals for Imperial Yeomanry, with the temporary rank of Colonel in the Army. Dated 28th February, 1900:—Colonel the Honourable H. G. L. Crichton, Commanding Portsmouth Volunteer Infantry Brigade.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel H. C., Earl of Lonsdale, Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel the Right Honourable G. R. C., Lord Harris, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., Royal East Kent Yeomanry. Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel E. W. Beckett, Yorkshire Hussars Yeomanry.