Whitehall, June 15, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom unto the Right Honourable Sir Richard Everard Webster, Bart., G.C.M.G., Keeper or Master of the Rolls and Records of the Court of Chancery in England, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Baron Alverstone, of Alverstone, in the Isle of Wight and county of Southampton.

(F. & H. 9125.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, June 13, 1900.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonics, a copy of a Notice from the Governor of Barbados, declaring Rio de Janeiro to be infected with plague.

(F. & H. 9129.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, June 13, 1900.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated 9th June, from Her Majesty's Representative at Sofia, intimating that Rio de Janeiro is declared to be infected by plague from the 14th May.

(F. & H. 9131.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, June 13, 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 the Argentine Republic and Hawaii have been declared free from plague, and that the quarantine regulations previously in force against them have been revoked.

(F. & H. 9144.) Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, June 13, 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, intimating that quarantine against Smyrna Coast is to be increased to ten days.

(F. & H. 9186.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, June 14, 1900.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Rio de Janeiro :- "All ports in Argentine Republic declared free from plague.

(F. & H. 9197.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, June 15, 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 St. Petersburg, intimating that he has received a Telegram from the Consul-General at Odessa reporting the imposition of ten days' quarantine on arrivals from Egypt, counting from time of arrival at Theodosia.

> Admiralty, 13th June, 1900. Royal Marines.

Major James Henry Bor, C.M.G., Royal Marine Artillery, is appointed Acting Assistant-Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel whilst so employed. Dated 14th March, 1900. Captain Elliot Hody Morres is appointed Acting Deputy Assistant - Adjutant - General, Royal Marines. Dated 14th March, 1900.

Admiralty, 14th June, 1900.

Clerk Arthur Fullam Weston has been promoted to the rank of Assistant-Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 21st April, 1900.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the City and County of the City of Edinburgh, and Liberties thereof.

John Findlay, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 6th June, 1900.

Alexander Oliver Riddell, Esq., to be Deputy

Lieutenant. Dated 6th June, 1900.

Joseph Bell, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., to be Deputy
Lieutenant. Dated 6th June, 1900.

## RATE FOR TELEGRAMS TO FRENCH SOUDAN.

THE Rate for Telegrams to French Soudan is 1s. 5d. per word. Telegrams can be forwarded by the following routes:—
(1.) Eastern Company via Teneriffe.
(2.) Direct Spanish Company via Teneriffe.

(3.) Viâ France and Teneriffe.

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

THE Board of Trade have, after modification, confirmed an Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, and entitled the Bexhill and St. Leonards Light Railway Order, 1900, authorizing the construction of a Light Railway in the county of Sussex, from Bexhill to St. Leonards.

Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens, June 14, 1900.

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

THE Board of Trade have, after modification, confirmed an Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, and entitled the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Order, 1900, authorizing the construction of a Light Railway in the county of Gloucester, from Cheltenham to Cleeve Hill.

Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens, June 14, 1900.

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

THE Board of Trade have confirmed an Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, and entitled the Cheltenham and District Light Railway (Extension) Order, 1900, authorizing the construction of a Light Railway at Cheltenham, in the county of Gloucester.

Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens, June 14, 1900.

Civil Service Commission, June 15, 1900.

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that an Open Competitive Examination for the situation of Assistant of Customs in the Department of Her Majesty's Customs, will be held in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Birmingham, Bristol, Hull, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Swansea, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Belfast, Cork, Galway, and Limerick, commencing on the 19th July, 1900, under the Regulations dated the 5th May, 1899, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

Not fewer than forty Candidates will be appointed on the result of this Examination, if so many should be found qualified.

No person will be admitted to the Examination