

War Office, September 14, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officer, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his conspicuous bravery at the action at Wolve Spruit, as stated against his name :—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
Lord Strathcona's Corps	Sergeant Arthur Herbert Lindsey Richardson	On the 5th July, 1900, at Wolve Spruit, about 15 miles north of Standerton, a party of Lord Strathcona's Corps, only 38 in number, came into contact, and was engaged at close quarters, with a force of 80 of the enemy. When the order to retire had been given, Sergeant Richardson rode back under a very heavy cross-fire and picked up a trooper whose horse had been shot and who was wounded in two places and rode with him out of fire. At the time when this act of gallantry was performed, Sergeant Richardson was within 300 yards of the enemy, and was himself riding a wounded horse.

Foreign Office, June 9, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint John Michell, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul-General for Northern, North-Eastern, and Central Russia, including Esthonia and the Grand Duchy of Finland with the exception of the City and Port of Helsingfors, to reside at St. Petersburg.

Foreign Office, September 9, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Sir Francis Richard Plunkett, G.C.M.G., to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary.

Downing Street, September 11, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of William Joseph Williams, Esq., to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Island of St. Helena.

Downing Street, September 13, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Mr. John McKenzie, who has served for more than three years as a Member of the Executive Council of the Colony of New Zealand.

Whitehall, September 8, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto Charles Lewis Lawrence, of Tudor Villas, Broadstairs, in the parish of St. Peter, Isle of Thanet, in the county of Kent, Gentleman, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will and testament of Thomas Smith Pix, late of Woodside, in the parish of Peasmarsh, in the county of Sussex, Esquire, deceased, take and henceforth use the surname of Pix in addition to and after that of Lawrence, and that he and they may bear the arms of Pix quartered with his and their family arms; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's said College of Arms.

(F. & H. 12,684.)

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

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Malta, intimating that the following alterations have been made in Government Notice No. 160, of 27th July, 1900 (see London Gazette, F. & H. 11,305, 3rd August), viz. :—

Head 2, Section (c.), and

Head 5, Section (c.).

Both paragraphs to be omitted.

(F. & H. 12,747.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, September 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 Alexandria, intimating that clean bills of health are issued, ten days having elapsed since last case of plague.

(F. & H. 12,750.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, September 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 Riga, intimating that vessels from Glasgow bound for Riga must undergo twelve days' quarantine at Koensoe. Ships from other British ports subject to medical inspection.

(F. & H. 12,765.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, September 13, 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 The Hague, intimating that from the 7th instant, the import and carriage in transit of rags, wearing apparel in use, and unwashed personal linen and bedding from Glasgow is prohibited. This prohibition applies as well to baggage brought by travellers, in so far as their unwashed bed and personal linen is concerned, but that it does not, however, extend to the import and carriage in transit of goods which may have been forwarded from Glasgow, but of which there is sufficient proof that they have some other place of origin, and that they are transported or packed in such a manner that they cannot possibly come in contact with any objects of contamination. Moreover, the prohibition as