The following appointments to the Staff of the Lines of Communication made in South Africa are confirmed :-

Lieutenant (now Captain) F. F. Duffus, Army Service Corps, is graded as a Staff Captain whilst an Embarking Staff Officer, from 9th

October, 1899, to 9th March, 1900.

Lieutenant (now Captain) P. G. W. Eckford, the Royal Irish Rifles, is graded as a Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General whilst Press Censor at Durban, from 9th October, 1899, to 14th February, 1900.

Major N. A. D. Barton, the Connaught Rangers, is graded as a Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General whilst in charge of the Base Supply Depôt, Durban. Dated 1st October, 1900.

School of Submarine Mining, Lieutenant G. E. J. Durnford, Royal Engineers, is confirmed in the appointment of an Assistant-Instructor. Dated

3rd February, 1900.

Army Pay Department, Lieutenant E. G. Lees, from Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment), is permanently appointed to the Army Pay Department, with the substantive rank of Captain in the Army. Dated 10th November, 1899.

BREVET.

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel S. C. F. Peile, Indian Staff Corps, to be Colonel. Dated 10th August, 1898.

Captain A. H. Lee, Royal Artillery, to be Major.

Dated 8th December, 1900.

Half-Fay, Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Charles O. Hore, from the South Staffordshire Regiment, to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 8th December, 1900.

Memoranda

Lieutenant-Colonel U. G. C. de Burgh, tempo-1 ary Assistant-Inspector of Remounts, is granted the substantive rank of Colonel in the Army. Dated 24th November, 1900.

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry L. Aylmer, Camp Commandant, South Africa, retires on retired

pay. Dated 8th December, 1900.

The temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army, granted to the undermentioned Officers whilst serving with Royal Artillery in South Africa, is antedated to 24th March, 1900: Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel E. T.

Pottinger, the Antrim Artillery.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. P. Ditmas, the Durham Artillery.

Major G. E. Elmitt, the Antrim Artillery, is granted the temporary rank of Major in the Army whilst serving with Royal Artitlery in South Africa. Dated 24th March, 1900.

The temporary rank of Captain in the Army, granted to the undermentioned Officers whilst serving with Royal Artillery in South Africa, is

antedated to 24th March, 1900:

Captain and Honorary Major W. B. Reed, the Donegal Artillery (the Prince of Wales's). Captain F. H. Crawford, the Donegal Artillery (the Prince of Wales's).

Captain W. A. Allpress, the Antrim Artillery.

The temporary rank of Lieutenaut in the Aimy, granted to Lieutenant (now Captain) L. F. Allan, the Donegal Artillery (the Prince of Wales's), whilst serving with Royal Artillery in South Africa, is antedated to 24th March, 1900.

Captain L. F. Allan, the Donegal Artillery (the Prince of Wales's), is granted the temporary rank of Captain in the Army whilst serving with Royal Artillery in South Africa. Dated 6th June, 1900.

The temporary rank of Second Lieutenant in the Army, granted to the undermentioned Officers whilst serving with Royal Artillery in South Africa, is antedated to 24th March, 1900 :

Second Lieutenant (now Lieutenant) W. H. Milligan, the Donegal Artillery (the Prince of Wales's).

Second Lieutenant (now Lieutenant) H. R. Ayton, the Antrim Artillery.

The undermentioned Officers (temporary Second Lientenants) are granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant in the Army whilst serving with Royal Artillery in South Africa:

Lieutenant W. H. Milligan, the Donegal Artillery (the Prince of Wales's). Dated 4th July,

1900.

Lieutenant J. C. Fullerton, the Donegal Artillery (the Prince of Wales's). Dated 31st August, 1900.

Lieutenant H. R. Ayton, the Antrim Artillery. Dated 28th September, 1900.

Lieutenant R. H. O'D. Paterson, the Antrim Artillery. Dated 28th September, 1900.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lieutenant J. H. Galbraith (Captain 3rd Volunteer Battalion the Highland Light Infantry) resigns his Commission. Dated 8th December, 1900.

Second Lieutenant G. M. De V. Beauclerk to be Lieutenant. Dated 8th December, 1900.

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE OF. OFFICERS.

Surgeon-Major A. Kinsey Morgan resigns his Commission. Dated 8th December, 1900.

THE GROTTO HOME FOR WORKING BOYS, 55, PADDINGTON STREET, W.

THE Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that he has certified the premises, No. 55, Paddington-street, Marylebone, W., as an Auxiliary Home in connection with the Boys' Home Industrial School, Regent's Park-road, Primrose Hill, N.W., for the reception of such children, not exceeding forty in number, as may be sent thereto from time to time. in pursuance of "The Industrial Schools Act, 1866," such number (40) not to be exceeded when both voluntary and committed cases are included. Whitehall, December 5, 1900.

GORDON HOUSE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, ISLEWORTH.

THE Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that he has certified the above-named School as fitted for the reception of such children, not exceeding seventy in number, as may be sent thereto from time to time, in pursuance of "The Industrial Schools Act, 1866." Whitehall, December 5, 1900.

WILD BIRD (ENGLAND).

The Wild Birds Protection (County of Bedford) Order, 1900.

Dated 4th December, 1900.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896, and upon application by the County Council of the Administrative County of Bedford, I hereby make the following Order:-

I. This Order may be cited as the Wild Birds Protection (County of Bedford) Order, 1900.