

And We do by these presents will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And We do further ordain that you, or any three or more of you, have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any three or more of you, your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the twenty-first day of *March*, one thousand nine hundred and two, in the second year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
Chas. T. Ritchie.

Downing Street, March 21, 1902.

THE KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Charles Peter Layard, Esq. (Attorney-General), to be the Chief Justice of the Island of Ceylon.

Downing Street, March 19, 1902.

THE KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Cyril Hamilton Hunter Irvine, Esq., to be one of His Majesty's Counsel for the Colony of Fiji.

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, March 19, 1902.
H. 4789.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, copies of the following Quarantine Notices issued by the High Commissioner for Cyprus:—

(No. 5934.)

The Quarantine Ordinance, 1879.
Order of His Excellency the High Commissioner.

Whereas by an Order dated the 12th day of September, 1885, and published in the Official Gazette No. 178, His Excellency the High Commissioner in exercise of the powers vested in him by the above-named Ordinance was pleased to fix a scale of quarantine charges to be taken on the goods and merchandise therein specified.

And whereas it is expedient that the said scale should be amended so far as it relates to the disinfection of goods consigned to foreign ports.

Now therefore His Excellency the High Commissioner in exercise of the powers vested in him by "The Quarantine Ordinance, 1879," is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the date hereof whenever any one batch of goods or merchandise of the same description consigned to any foreign port is disinfected at the same time, and as one consignment, the total amount of charges to be taken in respect of such disinfection shall not exceed the sum of two pounds.

Dated 21st January, 1902. (C.S. 2747/1900.)

(No. 5939.)
Quarantine.

Under the power and authority vested in him by "The Quarantine Ordinance, 1879," His Excellency the High Commissioner directs that the

quarantine on arrivals from Beyrout be replaced by a medical inspection to be undergone at the port of arrival.

20th January, 1902. (C.S. 124/1902.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, March 19, 1902.
H. 4857.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated March 18, from His Majesty's Representative at Constantinople:—"Quarantine on arrivals from Egypt reduced to two days."

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, March 20, 1902.
H. 4790.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Despatch, dated March 9, from His Majesty's Representative at Constantinople, forwarding a report from the British Delegate on the Board of Health, with respect to an outbreak of cholera in the Haj:—

Constantinople, 9th March, 1902.
No. 30. Commercial.

MY LORD,—Referring to my Telegram Commercial No. 9 of 6th instant, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship copy of a Despatch from the British Delegate on the Board of Health reporting an outbreak of cholera in the Haj.

I have, &c.,
N. R. O'CONNOR.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs.

Constantinople, 6th March, 1902.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of telegrams received from the Sanitary Officer at Medina, reporting a serious outbreak of disease among the pilgrims there. The symptoms mentioned—vomiting, diarrhoea, anuria, cold extremities, cramps, and sunken eyes—leave practically no room for doubt that the disease is cholera; and as seventy deaths are reported to have occurred in one caravan, while another caravan is also apparently contaminated, the outbreak is already one of no little gravity.

An extraordinary meeting of the Board of Health was held this afternoon in consequence of this report. No later details of the outbreak had been received. In reply to a telegraphic inquiry, the Vali of the Hedjaz telegraphed from Jeddah, under yesterday's date, that he had left Mecca five days previously, that there was no suspicious disease there when he left, and that he had received no information of the appearance of any such disease there since. It may therefore be assumed that Mecca is for the present not contaminated. The infected caravans must have left Mecca quite a fortnight ago (the journey from Mecca to Medina usually occupies thirteen days); and the disease seems to have developed at some place, unnamed, between the two cities. So far as may be gathered from the present information, the outbreak seems to be confined to two caravans at Medina and to a portion of the road between Mecca and Medina.

The Board of Health has decided to communicate with the Vali of the Hedjaz and the Grand Sheriff of Mecca, who will be authorized to take whatever measures they may deem necessary to deal with the outbreak. Instructions have already been sent to the Sanitary Officer at Medina to form a local commission of medical men to inquire into and report upon the nature