Chancery of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

Downing Street, March 11, 1903.

The KING as Sovereign and Chief of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George has been graciously pleased to issue Statutes under the Royal Sign Manual and the Seal of the said Most Distinguished Order, bearing date the thirtieth day of October, 1902, increasing the numbers of the Ordinary Members of the several classes thereof to one hundred Knights Grand Cross, three hundred Knights Commanders, and six hundred Companions; and amending and consolidating the Statutes theretofore in force.

> War Office, 13th March, 1903.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon

Miss M. Nicholson, Miss C. E. Thompson, Miss S. M. G. Otto,

in recognition of the services rendered by them in tending the sick and wounded at the Volunteer Hospital, at lutombi, during the late War in South Africa.

> Ducky of Lancaster Office, London, March 12, 1903.

The KING has been, this day, pleased to appoint Henry Whitehead, of Haslem Hey, Bury, Esq., to be Sheriff of the County Palatine of Lancaster for the year ensuing.

The Prince of Wales's Council Chamber, Buckingham Gate, March 11, 1903.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal of the Duchy of Cornwall appointing Percival Dacres Williams, of Lanarth, St. Keverne, in the county of Cornwall, Esq., Sheriff of the County of Cornwall.

> Crown Office, March 12, 1903.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Parliamentary Borough of Galway.
Charles Ramsay Devlin, Esq., in the place of Arthur Alfred Lynch, Esq., adjudged guilty of High Treason.

Parliamentary Borough of Woolwich.
William Crooks, Esq., in the place of Vice-Admiral Charles William de la Poer Beresford, commonly called Lord Charles Beresford, who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Bonenham, in the county of Buckingham.

Whitehall, March 10, 1903.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 5th instant, to appoint Edward Richard Henry, Esq., C.S.I., to be Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, in the room of Colonel Sir Edward Ridley Colborne Bradford, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.S.I., resigned.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, pursuant to section 3 (3) of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that on the 11th March, 1903, he made an Order under section 54, sub-section (4) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, permitting (subject to conditions) the employment at night of male young persons of 16 and upwards employed in electrical stations.

Copies of the Order may be purchased at the Sale Office for Official Publications, Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, East Harding-street, Fleetstreet, E.C.

Whitehall, 13th March, 1903.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, pursuant to section 3 (3) of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that on the 11th March, 1903, he made an Order under section 40 (4) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, extending (subject to conditions) the exceptions in that section which permit young persons to have the meal hours at different times and to remain during meal times in rooms in which a manufacturing process is being carried on, to male young persons over 16 employed in electrical stations.

Copies of the Order may be purchased at the Sale Office for Official Publications, Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, East Harding-street, Fleetstreet, E.C.

Whitehall, 18th March, 1903

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, March 10, 1903. H. 4301.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of the following Quarantine Notice, issued by the Governor of Malta:-

Government Notice. No. 49.

His Excellency the Governor, having heard the opinion of the Council of Health, has been pleased to repeal Government Notice No. 289 of the 23rd December, 1902, and to direct that the following regulations be observed as regards vessels and passengers, viz.:—

Infected Places.

- 1. The following countries are, for purposes of quarantine, to be treated as infected :-
 - (a.) Arabia (excepting Perim and Aden);(b.) China;
 - (c.) India.
 - And the following ports:—
 - (a.) Ports in the Persian Gulf.

Infected Vessels.

3. Infected vessels are vessels which have, or have had, on board, during the voyage or the preceding 20 days, cases of cholera, yellow fever, plague, or any disease with symptoms which, in the opinion of the Chief Government Medical Officer, resemble the symptoms of the said diseases.

Vessels which are not allowed to enter the Harbour, but are allowed to communicate with Quarantine Establishments.

4. Infected vessels.

5. Vessels with pilgrims from the East, when not carrying a recognized Medical Officer.
6. Vessels from infected places, when not

carrying a recognized Medical Officer.

Vessels allowed to load in Quarantine.

7. Vessels arriving at Malta without a clean bill of health.