

*Treasury Chambers,
March 22, 1904.*

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has appointed Major J. E. B. Seely to be Steward and Bailiff of the Chiltern Hundreds.

*Foreign Office,
March 25, 1904.*

With reference to the notice which appeared in the London Gazette of the 4th of December, 1903, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received a despatch from His Majesty's Agent and Consul-General at Sofia stating that the Bulgarian Government have denounced the Commercial Arrangement concluded on July 12/24, 1897, between the United Kingdom and the Principality of Bulgaria.

*Downing Street,
March 23, 1904.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint Major-General Sir Robert MacGregor Stewart, R.A., K.C.B. to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bermudas or Somers Islands.

Whitehall, March 24, 1904.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

EDWARD, R. and I.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas a Warrant was given under the Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 7th day of March, 1866, in the twenty-ninth year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled a "Warrant instituting a new Decoration to be styled the 'Albert Medal':"

And whereas a Warrant was given under the Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 12th day of April, 1867, in the thirtieth year of the Reign of Her late Majesty, intituled a "Warrant revoking a Warrant dated the 7th day of March, 1866, instituting a new Decoration to be styled the 'Albert Medal,' and instituting in lieu thereof two new Decorations, to be styled respectively 'The Albert Medal of the First Class' and 'The Albert Medal of the Second Class':"

And whereas a Warrant was given under the Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 30th day of April, 1877, in the fortieth year of the Reign of Her late Majesty, intituled a "Warrant extending the two Decorations, styled respectively 'The Albert Medal of the First Class' and 'The Albert Medal of the Second Class,' to cases of Gallantry in saving Life on Land:"

And whereas in the said Warrant, dated the 12th day of April, 1867, it is ordained that "one of the said two Decorations shall be styled 'The Albert Medal of the First Class,' and shall consist of a gold oval-shaped Badge or Decoration

enamelled in dark blue, with a Monogram composed of the letters V. and A., interlaced with an Anchor erect in gold, surrounded with a Garter in bronze, inscribed in raised letters of gold, 'For Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea,' and surmounted by a representation of the Crown of His Royal Highness the lamented Prince Consort, and suspended from a dark blue riband of an inch and three-eighths in width, with four white longitudinal stripes," and that the other of the said two Decorations "shall be styled 'The Albert Medal of the Second Class,' and shall consist of the like shaped enamelled Badge, save and except in this class it shall be entirely worked in bronze, instead of gold and bronze, and suspended from a dark blue riband of five-eighths of an inch in width, with two white longitudinal stripes:"

And whereas in the said Warrant, dated the 30th day of April, 1877, it is ordained that "the Albert Medal of the First Class' when conferred for Gallantry in saving life on land shall consist of a gold oval-shaped Badge or Decoration enamelled in crimson with a Monogram composed of the letters V. and A., erect in gold, surrounded with a Garter in bronze, inscribed in raised letters of gold, 'For Gallantry in Saving Life on Land,' and surmounted by a representation of the Crown of His Royal Highness the lamented Prince Consort, and suspended from a crimson riband of an inch and three-eighths in width with four white longitudinal stripes," and that "the Albert Medal of the Second Class,' when conferred for Gallantry in Saving Life on Land, shall consist of the like Badge save and except that it shall be entirely worked in bronze, instead of gold and bronze, and shall be suspended from a crimson riband of five-eighths of an inch in width, with two white longitudinal stripes:"

And whereas it seems to Us expedient to amend the said Warrants, dated respectively the 12th day of April, 1867, and 30th day of April, 1877, in so far as relates to the Rules therein established respecting the Decoration of the Albert Medal of the Second Class, We are hereby graciously pleased to make, ordain, and establish the following Rule and Ordinance respecting such Decoration, which shall from henceforth be inviolably observed and kept:

It is ordained that the Decoration styled "The Albert Medal of the Second Class," when conferred for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea, shall be suspended from a dark blue riband of an inch and three-eighths in width with two white longitudinal stripes, instead of from a dark blue riband of five-eighths of an inch in width with two white longitudinal stripes; and when conferred for Gallantry in Saving Life on Land shall be suspended from a crimson riband of an inch and three-eighths in width with two white longitudinal stripes, instead of from a crimson riband of five-eighths of an inch in width with two white longitudinal stripes.

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

By His Majesty's Command,
A. Akers-Douglas.

Whitehall, March 24, 1904.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Harold Thomson Lyon, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Cross of Knight of the Order of