Dado, firmado, sellado con el Sello del Ejecutivo Nacional, y refrendado por el Ministro de Hacienda y Crédito Público, en el Palacio Federal, en Caracas, á 23 de mayo de 1904.— Año 93° de la Independencia y 46° de la Federación.

(L.S.) CIPRIANO CASTRO.

El Ministro de Hacienda y Crédito Público, (L.S.) J. C. DE CASTRO.

Translation.

Presidency of the Republic.

I, Cipriano Castro, Provisional President of the United States of Venezuela:

Hereby Decree :-

ARTICLE 1. The Custom House of "Cristobal Colon" established by an Executive Decree of the 7th of December, 1903, will commence carrying out its duties from the 1st of next June; its jurisdiction shall lie between the Promontory of Paria and the mouth of the Rio Grande.

ARTICLE 2. In fulfilment of the provisions of Article 4 of the said Decree of December 7th, 1903, the Custom House of Ciudad Bolivar is hereby declared open, and it shall enjoy the same powers and have the same duties, with the same jurisdiction, as before its closure.

ARTICLE 3. The Customs at Tucacas, established by Executive Decree of November 28th, 1903, will begin to perform its duties from the 1st of June next, and its jurisdiction shall extend from the mouth of the Aroa to the mouth of the Gueque. The resolution passed by the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit on the 28th of November, 1903, is consequently hereby revoked.

ARTICLE 4. The Customs at La Vela, temporarily closed by Executive Decree of the 27th May, 1903, is hereby opened to the import, export, and coasting trades, and it shall have the same powers and duties as those which it enjoyed prior to its closure.

(a) The jurisdiction of this Custom House shall lie between the mouth of the Güeque and Cape Oribono.

ARTICLE 5. An account is to be duly rendered of this Decree to the National Congress in its next sessions.

ARTICLE 6. The Minister of Finance and Public Credit is entrusted with the execution of this Decree.

Given, &c.,

May 23rd, 1904,

(L.S.) CIPRIANO CASTRO.

(L.S.) J. C. DE CASTRO, Minister of Finance and Public Credit.

Downing Street,
June 22, 1904.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Otho Galgey, Esq. (Colonial Assistant Surgeon), to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Saint Lucia.

India Office, June 20, 1904.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Mr. Peter O'Kinealy, Barrister-at-Law, to be Advocate-General for the Presidency of Bengal, in the place of Mr. James Tisdall Woodroffe, who has resigned that office.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, June 23, 1904.

H. 8473.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated 1st June, from His Majesty's Representative at Paramaribo, intimating that owing to a new outbreak of small-pox in British Guiana, quarantine has been imposed against that Colony by the authorities of the town.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, June 23, 1904.

H. 8527.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated June 21, from His Majesty's Representative at Madrid:—"Hong Kong and Swatow foul."

> Admiralty, 20th June, 1904. Royal Marine Light Infantry.

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—

Godfrey Philip Oppenheim. Dated 1st January, 1903, with seniority next below Lieutenant C.

G. Farquharson.
Edward Gillespie. Dated 1st July, 1903, with seniority next below Lieutenant J. W. Seigne.
Reginald Dawson Hopcraft Lough.

John Paschal Nind.

Gerald Heguerty Furtado Abraham. Alexander George William Grierson. Dated 1st January, 1904.

Admiralty, 21st June, 1904.

Engineer Lieutenant Henry Wray Metcalfe has been promoted to the rank of Engineer Commander in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 20th June, 1904.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Probationary Sub - Lieutenant Edwin Harold Orchard has been confirmed as Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 15th January, 1904.

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

The undermentioned Lieutenant Instructors have this day been promoted to the rank of Commander Instructor, viz.:—

John George Heugh, D.S.O., retired Commander, R.N.

Henry Leonard Bethune, retired Commander, R.N.

William Hewetson, retired Commander, R.N. Ian Mackenzie Fraser, D.S.O., retired Captain, R.N.