

Whitehall, January 17, 1905.

The KING has been graciously pleased to grant unto Lewis Vernon Harcourt, of Nuneham Park, in the county of Oxford, Esquire, eldest son and heir of Sir William George Granville Venables Vernon-Harcourt, late of Nuneham Park aforesaid, Knight, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, sometime Secretary of State for the Home Department, deceased, His Royal licence and authority that he may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will and testament of his cousin, Aubrey Harcourt, late of Nuneham Park aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, take and henceforth use and bear the surname and arms of Harcourt only, in lieu and instead of those of Vernon-Harcourt, and that such surname and arms may in like manner be taken, borne, and used by his issue; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And also to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in His Majesty's College of Arms.

*Foreign Office,
February 1, 1905.*

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received a Telegram from His Majesty's Minister at Tokio, stating that the Official Gazette of January 29 repeats the warning of the danger to all shipping of navigation between the North-East point of the Shantung Promontory and the Bay of Liaotung.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,
February 2, 1905.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 2nd instant, to direct the issue of a Commission under the Great Seal in Scotland granting the Office of His Majesty's Solicitor for Scotland to Edward Theodore Salvesen, Esq., Advocate, K.C.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,
February 2, 1905.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 1st instant, to appoint David Dundas, Esq., K.C., Solicitor-General for Scotland, to be one of the Senators of the College of Justice in Scotland, in the room of Lord Moncreiff, resigned.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,
February 2, 1905.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 1st instant, to appoint James Ferguson, Esq., Advocate, K.C., Sheriff of Argyllshire, to be Sheriff of the Sheriffdom of Inverness, Elgin, and

Nairn, in the room of Christopher Nicholson Johnston, Esq., appointed to be Sheriff of Perthshire.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, February 2, 1905.
H. 1621.*

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram from His Majesty's Representative at Constantinople:—"All quarantine measures against Batoum suppressed except medical inspection."

LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

Basingstoke and Alton Light Railway (Speed Amendment) Order.

The Light Railway Commissioners have submitted to the Board of Trade, for confirmation under the above-mentioned Act, an Order made by them amending the Basingstoke and Alton Light Railway Order, 1897, as to speed.

Any objections to the confirmation of the Order should be addressed to the Assistant-Secretary (Railway Department), Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., and must be lodged with the Board on or before the 25th February, 1905. These should be accompanied by copies of any clauses or amendments that may be desired to remove the objections, and copies of such objections and clauses or amendments should at the same time be sent to the Promoters' Solicitor named below.

Copies of the Order as submitted for confirmation may be obtained on payment of not exceeding one shilling per copy from Mr. Sam Bircham, Solicitor to the London and South Western Railway Company, Waterloo Station, London, S.E.

Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens,
London, S.W., 31st January, 1905.

Admiralty, 30th January, 1905.

In accordance with the provisions of Her late Majesty's Order in Council of 29th June, 1900—
Engineer Sub-Lieutenant George Harvey Bedford has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 27th January, 1905.

In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 16th May, 1904—
Chief Boatswain Henry Butters has this day been granted the rank of Lieutenant, on retirement.

Engineer Lieutenant Thomas Henry Wallace has been promoted to the rank of Engineer Commander in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 27th January, 1905.