LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

North Staffordshire Railway (Light Railway) Order.

The Light Railway Commissioners have subnitted to the Board of Trade for confirmation, under the above-mentioned Act, an Order made by them authorizing the working of certain branch lines of the North Staffordshire Railway as light railways under the Light Railways Act, 1896.

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 7th October, 1905. These should be accompanied by copies of any clauses or amendments that may be desired to remove the objections, and icopies of such objections and clauses or amendments should at the same time be sent to one of the Promoters' Agents named below.

Copies of the Order as submitted for confirmation may be obtained on payment of not exceeding one shilling per copy from Messrs. Burchell, 5, The Sanctuary, Westminster, London, S.W., or Messrs. Marshall, Ashwell, and Co., Stoke-on-Trent.

Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., 7th September, 1905.

Admiralty, 4th September, 1905.

In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 28th March, 1903—

Carpenter Lieutenant James Peain has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 3rd September, 1905.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Sidney Beckwith Mainguy

has been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 15th March, 1904.

The undermentioned Staff Paymasters have been advanced to the rank of Fleet Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet, viz. :--

John Anthony Keys. Dated 1st September, 1905.

Edward Henry Eldred. Dated 3rd September, 1905.

Admiralty, 6th September, 1905.

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Clerk Wilfrid Strudwicke Cox has been promoted to the rank of Assistant-Paymaster in His. : Majesty's Fleet. Dated 5th August, 1905

Carpenter Frederick Stears has been promoted to the rank of Chief Carpenter in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 3rd September, 1905.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant John Hamilton to be Lieutenant Dated 5th September, 1905.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Reginald Arthur Woodward has been confirmed as Sub-Lientenant. Dated 27th February, 1905.

Admiralty, 8th September, 1905.

In accordance with the provisions of Her late Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February 1870—

Lieutenant Norman Burgoyne Youel has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Commander. Dated 9th September, 1905.

War Office, Pall Mall, 8th September, 1905.

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2nd Life Guards, Second Lieutenant T. C. Gurney to be Lieutenant, vice R. J. L. Ogilby, resigned. Dated 2nd September, 1905.

12th (Prince of Wales's Royal) Loncers, Captain Percy J. Bailey, D.S.O., is seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 14th August, 1905.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery, The undermentioned Lieutenants are seconded for service under the Colonial Office :--

Henry R. Ayton. Dated 23rd August, 1905.

Henry H. Hulton, Dated 26th August, 1905.

Lieutenant William H. Gosse resigns his Commission. Dated 9th September, 1905.

Royal Garrison Artillery, Captain Henry R. V. de Bury is seconded for service under the Colonial Office. Dated 23rd August, 1905.

IRISH GUARDS.

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Lientenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Richard J. Cooper, M.V.O., from half-pay, to be Colonel, to command the Regiment and Regimental District, vice Colonel V. J. Dawson, C.V.O., whose tenure of that appointment has expired. Dated-3rd September, 1905.