

## MERCHANT SHIPPING.

## Emigrant Ships.

Under the provisions of Section 269 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, the Board of Trade hereby make the following scale for determining the duration of voyages of emigrant ships from the British Islands; and cancel the scale dated June 19th, 1891, and published in the London Gazette of June 23rd, 1891:—

Voyage.	For sailing ships and vessels with auxiliary engines not capable of steaming five knots.	For vessels with engines capable of steaming at least five knots.	For vessels steaming at least 12 knots.		For vessels steaming at least 17 knots.	
			Single screw.	Twin screws.	Single screw.	Twin screws.
	Days.	Days.	Days.	Days.	Days.	Days.
North America, East Coast ..	70	40	26	21	21	17
South Africa, or South America, East Coast	105	65	37	33	—	—
South America, Pacific Coast ..	—	—	54	45	—	—
Australia, viâ Suez .. ..	—	—	51	43	—	—
„ „ Cape .. ..	140	90	63	54	—	—
New Zealand, viâ Suez .. ..	—	—	60	56	—	—
„ „ Cape .. ..	150	90	68	65	—	—

The Board further determine that for the purposes of Section 268 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, as amended by Section 14 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, the length of a voyage from the British Islands to the East Coast of North America shall be regarded as 3,000 miles, and the length of a voyage from the British Islands to South Africa as 6,000 miles.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 1907.

*H. Llewellyn Smith,*

Secretary to the Board of Trade.

## ORDER OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL IN ENGLAND.

(Dated 26th September, 1907.)

Whereas by the twenty-first section of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874, it is enacted that the Registrar-General, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, may from time to time alter Registration Sub-Districts:—

1. And whereas it is expedient (1) that Biggleswade Civil Parish should be transferred from Biggleswade Sub-District of Biggleswade Registration District to Potton Sub-District of the same Registration District; and (2) that Biggleswade and Potton Sub-Districts should be renamed Stotfold and Biggleswade Sub-Districts respectively.

2. Now, therefore, I, Sir William Cospatrick Dunbar, Bart., C.B., Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England, in exercise of the powers given me by the above mentioned Act, and with the sanction of the Local Government Board, do hereby order and declare that the foregoing alteration shall take effect accordingly.

3. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and seven.

Witness my hand this twenty-sixth day of September, nineteen hundred and seven.

*Wm. C. Dunbar,* Registrar-General.

General Register Office,  
Somerset House, London.

*Admiralty,* 24th September, 1907.

Boatswain Jeremiah McCarthy has this day been promoted to the rank of Chief Boatswain in His Majesty's Fleet,

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

Probationary Sub-Lieutenant Hamilton McMath Hely has been confirmed as Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 9th July, 1904.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Ernest Paul Nosworthy has been confirmed as Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 2nd September, 1904.

Probationary Sub-Lieutenant Hamilton Bunce Northcote has been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 5th April, 1907.

*Admiralty,* 25th September, 1907.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Henry Doone Vernon has been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 15th February, 1907.

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

In accordance with the Regulations for the Royal Naval Reserve—

Lieutenant Frederick John Barker Etherington has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 16th September, 1907.

*War Office, Whitehall,*

27th September, 1907.

## COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Frederick D. V. Wing, C.B., from commanding The Lancashire Royal Field Artillery (Militia), to be a Staff Officer for Horse and Field Artillery. Dated 30th August, 1907.

The undermentioned Officers are appointed to the personal staff of Brevet Colonel Sir H. E. McCallum, Bart., G.C.M.G., Aide-de-Camp to The King, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Ceylon:—

Lieutenant Joseph Curling, Royal Artillery, as Aide-de-Camp. Dated 5th September, 1907.