copy of the following Circular issued by the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, prescribing certain quarantine measures against arrivals from Constantinople, in view of the fatal cases of Cholera that have occurred in that town:—

Le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur d'informer L'Agence Diplomatique de S. M. Britannique que, vu les cas mortels de choléra constatés dernièrement à Constantinople et conformément à la décision du Conseil Médical Supérieur de la Principauté, le Département de l'Intérieur, par arrêté daté du 12-25 janvier courant, a ordonné l'application des mesures suivantes:

- 1. Les voyageurs venant de Constantinople ne seront admis en Bulgarie que par Varna, Bourgas et Lubimetz (Hébibtchévo), après une visite médicale rigoureuse et ils devront être soumis à une surveillance de 5 jours dans leur lieu d'arrêt ou de séjour.
- 2. Est interdite l'importation en Bulgarie des objets suivants venant de Constantinople:—
 (a) le linge et les vêtements usagés, les nappes, les couvertures et tous les objets qui ont servi et sont expédiés comme marchandise; (b) les chiffons et les restes de vêtements souillés, nappes, couvertures, le papier usagé ou barbouillé, les journaux usagés (lus) venant comme marchandise; (c) les sacs et étoupes vieux et usagés; (d) les produits frais d'animaux, comme les peaux, les os, les sabots, les vessies, les entrailles, les poils, la laine brute, etc.; (e) toutes espèces de fruits et de légumes; (f) toutes espèces de produits (frais ou préparés) non enfermés de viande, poisson ou cavier.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, February 10, 1908

H. 1893.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated January 28, from His Majesty's Representative at Constantinople, stating that the Constantinople Board of Health have added the application of the rat-destruction circular to the other measures already imposed on Pilgrim ships from Jeddah and the Hedjaz.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, February 10, 1908.

H. 1899.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated February 7, from His Majesty's Representative at Berlin:—"Consul-General at Hamburg reports Notice issued by Quarantine Authorities at Bremerhaven that medical inspection imposed on arrivals from Red Sea and Suez Canal on account of danger of Cholera."

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, February 10, 1908.

H. 1905.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated February 7, from His Majesty's Representative at Constantinople:—"Ten days have elapsed since last case of Cholera at Constantinople. All sanitary measures on departures and arrivals from this city have been suppressed."

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, February 10, 1908.

H. 1954.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated February 7, from His Majesty's Representative at Athens:— "Quarantine on arrivals from Constantinople which sailed on and after February 5 reduced to 48 hours."

PATENTS AND DESIGNS ACT, 1907.

Restoration of Lapsed Patents under Section 20.

Notice is hereby given, that James Ballantyne Hannay has made application for the restoration of the Patent granted to him for an "Improved process and apparatus for manufacturing a white sulphate of lead pigment," numbered 2297, and bearing date the 1st February, 1901, which expired on the 1st February, 1907, owing to the non-payment of the prescribed renewal fee. Any person may give notice of opposition to the restoration on leaving Patents Form No. 16 at the Patent Office, 25, Southampton-buildings, London, W.C., on or before the 13th day of April, 1908.

C. N. Dalton,

Comptroller-General.

Admiralty, 8th February, 1908.

Royal Naval Reserve.

In accordance with the Regulations for the Royal Naval Reserve—

Lieutenant James Northcott Culverwell has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 7th February, 1908.

Admiralty, 10th February, 1908.

The undermentioned Engineer Lieutenants have been advanced to the rank of Engineer Commander in His Majesty's Fleet:—

William Henry Samuel Moysey. Victor de Paris.

Dated 1st January, 1908.

Royal Naval Reserve.

In accordance with the Regulations for the Royal Naval Reserve—

Lieutenant John Doig Spain has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 8th February, 1908.