And whereas the said scheme has been approved at the Council held under the authority of the said Commission: now, therefore, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, being authorized there by writing under His Majesty's Sign Manual, doth hereby, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council; on behalf of His Majesty, ratify the said scheme, and order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Act; and His Royal Highness doth further, on behalf of His Majesty, by and with the like advice, direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said diocese of London,

A. W. FitzRoy.

At the Court at St. James's, the 19th day of March, 1908.

PRESENT,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Lord President. Lord Steward. Lord Wenlock. Mr. Secretary Haldane.

HEREAS His Majesty was pleased, by
His Commission dated the seventeenth
day of March, one thousand nine hundred and
eight, to nominate and appoint His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, in His Majesty's
absence from His Realm in foreign parts, to hold
on His Majesty's behalf, His Privy Council, and
to signify thereat His approval of any matter or
thing whereunto His Royal Highness should be so
authorized by writing under His Majesty's Sign
Manual, and to do further on His Majesty's
behalf any matter or thing for the purposes of
the said Commission whereunto His Royal
Highness should be authorized in manuer
aforesaid:

And whereas it is expedient to amend in certain particulars the regulations prescribed by the Order made by The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council on the twenty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seven, respecting the employment and remuneration of Clerks of the Second Division of His Majesty's Civil Service:

Now therefore, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, being authorized in that behalf by writing under His Majesty's Sign Manual, doth, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, on His Majesty's behalf, order, as it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. Clause five of the Order in Council of the twenty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seven, shall not apply to any clerk whose salary will, as on the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eight, under the provisions of the last-mentioned Order and other Orders in force before the twenty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seven, amount to a sum which is not less than one hundred and sixty-seven pounds ten shillings, nor more than two hundred and fifty pounds, and who is unable to obtain a report in writing from his immediate superior, countersigned by the Head of the Department, or such officer as he may designate for the purpose, to the effect that such clerk is competent to perform efficiently the highest duties ordinarily assigned to clerks of

the Second Division in the Department in which he is serving.

2. If on the first day of April of the year one thousand nine hundred and eight, or of any subsequent year, the salary of any clerk electing under Clause five of the Order in Council of the twenty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seven, to be placed on the scale of salary prescribed by that Order shall amount to a sum intermediate between one hundred and twenty-two pounds ten shillings and one hundred and thirty pounds the annual increment of salary accruing next thereafter shall be calculated as the sum of—

(a) the portion of an increment at the rate of seven pounds ten shillings per annum proportionate to the period between such first day of April and the date next thereafter upon which (but for the operation of the Order aforesaid) an increment would have accrued,

(b) the portion of an increment at the rate of ten pounds per annum proportionate to the period between the last mentioned date and the first day of April next following.

3. The following words shall be added to Clause nine of the Order of the twenty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seven:—

(c) Such clerkship does not lead in the ordinary course of promotion to a clerkship of which the maximum salary exceeds five hundred pounds per annum.

A. W. FitzRoy.

Whitehall, March 18, 1908.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned Officers His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear Decorations (as stated against their respective names), which have been conferred upon them by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—

Imperial Ottoman Order of the Osmanieh, Third Class.

Lieutenant-Colonel (local Colonel) Joseph John Asser.

Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh, Third Ulass.

Major William Edward Gunnell Connolly, Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Imperial Ottoman Order of the Osmanieh, Fourth Class.

Captain Charles Inglis Stockwell, Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's).

Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh, Fourth Class.

Captain Francis John Brakenridge, Royal Army Medical Corps.

> Foreign Office, January 21, 1908

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Horace Edward Wilkie Young, Esq., to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Mosul,