copy of a Despatch, dated the 8th February, from His Majesty's Minister at Brussels, transmitting the following copy of a Notice which was published in the "Moniteur Belge" of that date, removing from the 15th February the restrictions in force on goods coming from Odessa and the Island of Madeira:---

Administration du Service de Santé et de

l'Hygiène.

Retrait des mesures.

Le Ministre de l'intérieur,

Vu l'arrêté royal du 26 septembre 1907, prescrivant des mesures sanitaires relativement à l'importation et au transit des marchandises provenant de pays ou de circonscriptions terri-toriales déclarés contaminés de peste ou de choléra ;

Vu la disparition de la peste d'Odessa (Russie méridionale) et du choléra de l'Ile Madère ;

Revu l'arrêté ministériel du 1er février 1911, rendant applicables les dispositions de l'arrêté susvisé aux provenances d'Odessa et de l'Ile Madère;

Arrête :

Article unique. L'arrêté ministériel du ler février 1911 cessera d'être en vigueur, à l'égard des provenances d'Odessa (Russie méridionale) et de l'Ile Madère, à partir du 15 février 1912.

PAUL BERRYER.

Bruxelles, le 7 février, 1912.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, February 15, 1912.

H. 2232.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Notice, dated the 2nd February, issued by the Swedish Board of Trade, stating that they declare the Regency of Tunis to be free from cholera.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, February 15, 1912.

H. 2295.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the following Notice, dated the 9th February, issued by the Government of Malta:-

GOVERNMENT NOTICE (No. 29).

With reference to Government Notice No. 315 of 13th October, 1911, it is hereby notified that the town of Tripoli in Syria is no longer regarded as a place infected with cholera, within the meaning of article 1 of the regulations made under the Fourth Sanitary Ordinance, 1908, republished by Government Notice No. 207 of the 13th July, 1911, and amended by Government Notices No. 224 of the 29th July, 1911; No. 252 of the 22nd

August, 1911; No. 294 of the 28th September, 1911; and No. 316 of the 13th October, 1911.

By command,

J. E. CLAUSON,

Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Secretary to Government. Lieut.-Governor's Office, The Palace, Valletta, February 9, 1912.

Admiralty, 12th February, 1912.

In accordance with the provisions of His late Majesty's Orders in Council of 19th March, 1908, and 21st November, 1908-

Engineer Commander James Herbert Watson has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Engineer Captain. Dated 10th February, 1912.

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Admiralty, 14th February, 1912.

The undermentioned Midshipmen have been promoted to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet :-

Walter Fitzgerald Smithwick. Dated

15th November, 1911. Robert Foley Knight. Dated 30th January, 1912.

Admiralty, 15th February, 1912.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Decoration upon the following Officers:—

Commander William Charles Crathorne (retired).

Lieutenants-

George Dickie Rutherford (retired). John Vincent Le Grand. Henry Reginald Hetherington. Samuel Giles Spencer McNeil. Hugh Panton Learmont. Harry Calder. John Roberts. Owen Lewis (retired). Cecil Reginald Ade Newby. Henry George Gardiner Westmore.

Senior Engineer-

Harry James Spiers.

Engineers-

Robert Torrie. John Stephen Riley.

The following promotions have this day been made on the occasion of the return of Their Majesties the King and Queen in His Majesty's