empower a Provincial Court to award any sentence greater than is authorised by Article 59 (2) of the Principal Order.

4. Where in the opinion of the Minister it is expedient that any person, in respect of whom the provisions of Article 2 of this Order apply, should be deported from China to some place in His Majesty's dominions, he shall send to the Supreme Court a certificate under his hand and seal to that effect, and the Supreme Court may thereupon order that such person shall be deported from China to the place specified in such certificate. The provisions of the Principal Order, and of any Order amending the same, relative to deportation shall, subject to the provisions of this Order, apply to any deportation effected under this article.

5. If any person deported under this Order returns to China without permission in writing of the Minister (which permission the Minister may give) he shall (without prejudice to any liability under Article 83 (11) of the Principal Order) be guilty of an offence against this Order, and shall be liable on conviction by the Court to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding three years; provided, however, that nothing in this article shall be deemed to empower a Provincial Court to award any sentence greater than is author-ised by Article 59 (2) of the Principal Order.

6. This Order shall take effect on the day on which the text thereof is first exhibited in the public office of the Supreme Court at Shanghai, along with a certificate under the hand of the Minister stating that he has been informed by telegraph by the Secretary of State that the Order has been passed in the form annexed to the certificate, and shall remain in force only during the continuance of the present war.

And the Right Honourable Arthur James Balfour, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein.

Almeric FitzRoy.

Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order. St. James's Palace,

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25th June, 1917.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's recent visit to the Grand Fleet, to make the following promotions in and appointments to the Royal Victorian Order :-

To be Knights Grand Cross.

Admiral Sir David Beatty, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O.

Admiral Sir Frederick Tower Hamilton, K.C.B., C.V.O.

To be Knights Commander.

Rear-Admiral Sir William Christopher Pakenham, K.C.B., M.V.O. Rear-Admiral Osmond De Beauvoir Brock,

C.B., C.M.G.

To be Commanders.

Commodore the Honourable Hubert George Brand, M.V.O., Royal Navy.

Commodore James Rose Price Hawksley, C.B., Royal Navy.

Crown Office,

29th June, 1917.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, bearing date the

21st inst., to appoint:---The Right Honourable David Lloyd George,

The Right Honourable Andrew Bonar Law,

James Fitzalan Hope, Esquire,

James William Pratt, Esquire, James Parker, Esquire, and

Josiah Towyn Jones, Esquire,

to be Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

Crown Office,

29th June, 1917.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Essex, Western or Epping Division. Colonel Richard Beale Colvin, C.B., in the place of Lieutenant-Colonel The Right Honourable Amelius Richard Mark Lockwood, C.V.O., who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of H.M. Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke Desborough and Burnham, in the county of Buckingham.

Foreign Office (Foreign Trade Dept.) 29th June, 1917.

LIBERIA.

The following name is removed from the list of persons and bodies of persons to whom articles to be exported to Liberia may be consigned : -

Prout, S. T. (Rev.).

The Right Honourable Sir George Cave, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has appointed Joseph Hall, Esq., and Elijah Rowley, Esq., to be Junior Inspectors of Mines under the Coal Mines Acts, 1887 to 1917, and has directed them to act also as Inspectors for purposes of the Metalliferous Mines the Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1875, and of the Quarries Act, 1894; and has, further, appointed them to be Inspectors of Factories and Workshops for the purposes of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901.

Whitehall, 26th June 1917.

Whitehall, June 28, 1917.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to confer the dignity of a Viscount of the said United Kingdom upon William Waldorf, Baron Astor, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style and title of Viscount Astor, of Hever Castle, in the county of Kent.