

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of 22nd February, 1870, 30th April, 1877, and 26th February, 1897—

Chief Inspector of Machinery James Wootton has been placed on the Retired List, at his own request. Dated 1st April, 1898.

Admiralty, 16th April, 1898.

THE undermentioned Engineers have been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, viz. :—

Frank Dathan Thomsett. Dated 7th March, 1898.

Henry Humphreys. Dated 18th March, 1898.

Edward Albert Short. Dated 20th March, 1898.

Benjamin James Watkins. Dated 1st April, 1898.

The undermentioned Assistant-Engineers have been promoted to the rank of Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, viz. :—

Ernest Crabtree.

William Crump Johnson.

Dated 1st April, 1898.

Admiralty, 18th April, 1898.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Lieutenant Frederick Willoughby Shortland has this day been placed on the Retired List, at his own request, with permission to assume the rank of Commander.

Assistant-Engineer Frederick William Sydenham has been promoted to the rank of Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 3rd April, 1898.

MEDALS—AFRICA.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, April 18, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Medals and Clasps awarded for the Benin Expedition, February, 1897, are now ready for issue. The grant includes the Officers, Seamen, and Marines of the undermentioned ships, who remained on board at the base, during the above period, as well as those who were actually engaged in the Expedition :—

“Alecto,”	“Barrosa,”	“Forte,”
“Magpie,”	“Philomel,”	“Phoebe,”
“St. George,”	“Theseus,”	“Widgeon.”

The Medal is the same pattern as that issued for the Ashantee War, with a Clasp inscribed “Benin, 1897,” and those Officers and men already in possession of the Medal for former operations will receive the Clasp only.

Applications should be made personally, or by letter, to the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, London, S.W., and those who already have the Medal will be required to state the inscription on the last Clasp received, and the name of the ship for which it was granted.

Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines who have left the Service, whether applying personally or by letter, are required to produce their certificates of service.

War Office, Pall Mall,

19th April, 1898.

2nd Life Guards, Lieutenant the Honourable Osbert C. Molyneux resigns his Commission. Dated 20th April, 1898.

3rd Hussars, Captain Duncan V. Pirie retires on retired pay. Dated 20th April, 1898.

LINE BATTALIONS.

The South Wales Borderers, Lieutenant Vincent R. Pigott, from the Cheshire Regiment, to be Captain, vice F. G. C. M. Morgan, seconded from 2nd April, 1898, for service on the Staff. Dated 20th April, 1898.

The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), Second Lieutenant James Waddell resigns his Commission. Dated 20th April, 1898.

The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment), Major Charles A. P. Burroughs is placed on retired pay. Dated 20th April, 1898.

The Welsh Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel John Owen Quirk, C.B., D.S.O., on completion of his period of service in command of a Battalion, is placed on half-pay. Dated 14th April, 1898.

Major Fitzroy S. L. Penno to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Brevet Colonel J. O. Quirk, C.B., D.S.O. Dated 14th April, 1898.

The King's Royal Rifle Corps, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel Richard S. R. Fetherstonhaugh, on completion of his period of service in command of a Battalion, is placed on half-pay. Dated 16th April, 1898.

Major Robert H. Gunning to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Colonel R. S. R. Fetherstonhaugh. Dated 16th April, 1898.

The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment), Captain Arthur E. Beadon is seconded for service in the Army Pay Department. Dated 18th April, 1898.

Army Service Corps, Quartermaster and Honorary Captain William Parsons is placed on retired pay. Dated 19th April, 1898.

Provisional Battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel H. T. W. Allatt, from half-pay, to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 12th April, 1898.

Staff, Major G. F. Ellison, from half-pay, to be a Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General (and also for Instruction), vice Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. H. Douglas, appointed an Assistant Adjutant-General. Dated 18th April, 1898.

Captain J. M. Vallentin, the Prince Albert's (Somersetshire Light Infantry), to be a Brigade Major. Dated 9th April, 1898.

Artillery College, Captain C. P. Martel, Royal Artillery, from an Instructor to be a Professor, vice Major G. R. Townshend, Royal Artillery, whose period of service in that appointment has expired. Dated 1st April, 1898.

Ordnance Factories, Captain C. J. Blunt, Royal Artillery, to be an Officer in charge of Danger Buildings, vice Captain H. A. Pratt, Royal Artillery, appointed to the Army Ordnance Department. Dated 1st April, 1898.

Ordnance Committee, Major H. P. Hickman, Royal Artillery, to be Secretary, vice Major W. E. Blewitt, Royal Artillery, whose period of service in that appointment has expired. Dated 1st April, 1898.

Army Chaplains' Department, The Reverend E. H. F. Jenner, B.A., Chaplain to the Forces Second Class, is placed on temporary half-pay on account of ill-health. Dated 6th April, 1898.

Army Ordnance Department, Captain C. Hall, the Connaught Rangers, Ordnance Officer Fourth Class, is appointed for permanent service under the provisions of Articles 3 and 13, Royal Warrant 16th June, 1896. Dated 16th April, 1898.