1838, certify to Your Majesty in Council that, it having appeared to us that the benefice of Elmley and the benefice of Iwade, both in the county of Kent and our diocese of Canterbury, might with advantage to the interests of religion be united into one benefice for ecclesiastical purposes only, we inquired into the circumstances of the case, and on such inquiry

it appeared—
"That the benefices are contiguous to each other, and, when united, will not be of incon-

venient extent.

"That the aggregate population of the parishes of Elmley and Iwade, according to the census of 1901, did not exceed three hundred and eighty persons, and is at present estimated to be two hundred and seventy-four, the population of Elmley being forty persons or thereabouts, and that of Iwade being two hundred and thirty-four or thereabouts.

"That there is a church belonging to each of the said benefices, with sufficient accommoda-

tion for the inhabitants thereof.
"That the churches are distant about two miles and a half from each other, the River Swale divides the two parishes to which they respectively belong, but the parishes are connected by a bridge over such river.

"That there is a sufficient house of residence belonging to Iwade, but there is no house

of residence belonging to Elmley.
"That the net annual value of the said benefice of Elmley is two hundred and eleven pounds or thereabouts, and the net annual value of Iwade is one hundred and sixty-three pounds or thereabouts.

"That the patronage of both the said benefices of Elmley and Iwade belongs to the Right Reverend William Walsh, D.D., Lord Bishop of Dover, Archdeacon of Canterbury, by virtue of his archdeaconry, and he consents as such

patron to the union of the said two benefices.
"That six weeks and upwards before certifying such inquiry and consent to Your Majesty in Council we caused a statement in writing of the facts to be affixed to the principal outer door of the parish church of each of the said benefices, with notice to any person or persons interested that he, she, or they might, within such six weeks, show cause in writing under his, her, or their hand or hands, to us, the said Archbishop, against such union,

and no such cause has been shown.
"The copies of the statement of facts and notice referred to, and the consent of the said Right Reverend William Walsh, D.D., Lord Bishop of Dover, Archdeacon of Canterbury, as patron before mentioned of both the said

benefices, are hereunto annexed.'

And we do hereby certify the inquiry, sent, and matters aforesaid to Your consent, and matters aforesaid to Your Majesty in Council to the intent that Your Majesty in Council may, in case Your Majesty in Council shall think fit so to do, make and issue an Order for uniting the said benefices into one benefice, with cure of souls, for ecclesiastical purposes.

"Randall Cantuar."

Now, therefore, His Majesty in Council, by and with the advice of His said Council, is pleased to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the rectory of Elmley, situate in the county of Kent and diocese of Canterbury, and the vicarage of Iwade, situate in the same county and diocese, shall be united into one benefice, with cure of souls, for ecclesiastical purposes only.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of February, 1912.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 26th day of February,

1912, in the words following, viz.:—
"Whereas by section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an officer, seaman, or marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas it has been found necessary to employ at St. Helena an officer of Your

Majesty's Royal Marines:

And whereas we are of opinion that in view of the local conditions it will be necessary for this officer to keep a horse and to engage

a civilian cook:
"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the payment to him of a forage allowance of £30 a year and of an allowance of £27 a year for the purpose of obtaining the services of a cook, these allowances to take effect from the date of the officer first appointed reaching St. Helena.

"The Commissioners of Lords Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.

Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order, St. James's Palace, S.W., 5th March, 1912.

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following promotion in and appointments to the Royal Victorian Order: to take effect from the dates noted:-

To be Knight Commander.

February, 102. 1912. Rear28th Admiral Francis Christopher Maurice Cradock, C.B., M.V.O.

To be Commander.

28th February, 1912. William Joseph Essery, Esq., M.R.C.S.

To be Member of the Fourth Class.

February, 1912. Captain Charles 24th Duncan Johnson, R.N.

To be Member of the Fifth Class. 5th March, 1912. Charles Henry Taylor, Esq.