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FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1874.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 26, 1874.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 30th of May next.

*Colonial Office, Downing Street,
May 8, 1874.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

To be an Ordinary Member of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Order :—

John Hawley Glover, Esq., sometime Commander in Our Navy, and lately Our Special Commissioner to the Friendly Native Chiefs in the Eastern District of the Protected Territories near or adjacent to Our Settlements on the Gold Coast.

To be an Ordinary Member of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Order :—

Colonel Francis Worgan Festing, R.M.A., C.B., lately in Command of Our Troops within Our Settlements on the Gold Coast.

To be Ordinary Members of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Order :—

Colonel Robert William Harley, C.B., late Administrator of Our Settlements on the Gold Coast.

Captain the Honourable Edmund Robert Fremantle, R.N., C.B., lately in Command of Our Naval Forces on the Gold Coast.

Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy, Esq., lately Our Deputy Commissioner and Second in Command under Commander John Hawley Glover at the Gold Coast.

Surgeon-Major Samuel Rowe, engaged on the West Coast of Africa since 1862, and as Medical Officer and Chief of the Staff with Commander John Hawley Glover during the late Ashantee War.

Captain Reginald William Sartorius, of the 6th Regiment of Bengal Cavalry, and lately serving against the Ashantees, under Commander John Hawley Glover.

Lieutenant John Henry Barnard, of the 19th Regiment of Infantry, also lately serving against the Ashantees, under Commander John Hawley Glover.

Major William Augustus Tryden Helden, of the 100th Regiment of Infantry, lately selected for Special Service on the Gold Coast.

Deputy Commissary Henry Frederick Blissett, having charge of the Stores and Transport at the Gold Coast, under Commander John Hawley Glover.

Vice-Admiral Charles George Edward Patey, recently Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of St. Helena.

James Arndell Youl, of the Colony of Tasmania, Esq.

Whitehall, May 8, 1874.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable John, Baron Kesteven, to be Custos Rotulorum of the Soke of Peterborough, in the room of the Honourable George Wentworth FitzWilliam, deceased.

Foreign Office, April 24, 1874.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Edward Bernard March, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Parà, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Callao.

Foreign Office, April 25, 1874.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Henry Augustus Cowper, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul in the Island of Porto Rico, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Buenos Ayres.

Foreign Office, April 27, 1874.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint William Berjew Pauli, Esq., now British Vice-Consul at Carthagenà, to be Her Majesty's Consul in the Island of Porto Rico.

Foreign Office, May 7, 1874.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Thomas W. Faulkner as Consul at Cowes for His Majesty the King of the Belgians.