

It is particularly requested, that in every case the names be *very distinctly written* upon the cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to His Royal Highness.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at half-past one o'clock.

KENMARE,  
Lord Chamberlain.

Colonial Office, February 16, 1882.

THE accompanying Despatch and Casualty Returns have been received from the Governor of the Cape Colony:—

Government House, Cape Town,

My LORD, January 21, 1882.

IN continuation of my Despatch, No. 463, of the 26th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith a Return of Casualties which occurred in the Colonial Forces during the month of December, together with a Supplementary Return for November last.

I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON, Governor.  
The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley, &c., &c.,  
Colonial Office.

Return of Casualties which have occurred in the Colonial Forces during the month of December, 1881.

Corporal Alfred Mew Jacob, L.W., C.M.R., died of simple continued fever; December 3; Umtata. Address, Robert Jacob, Esq., 19, Westwick-gardens, West Kensington Park, London.

Private W. Seymour, R.W., C.M.R., died of dysentery, December 8; Maseru. Address, Edmund Seymour, Toll Gate, Rushwick, St. John's, Worcester, England.

Private H. A. Wiele, L.W., C.M.R., drowned, December 12; Bathlala Drift, Orange River. Address, 36, The Palatinate, New Kent-road, London, S.E.

Private Chas. Dumbleby, R.W., C.M.R., died of fever, December 20; Maseru. Address, Mr. Dumbleby, Mortlake, London.

EDGAR LONSDALE, Captain,  
Acting Assist. Adj.-Gen., Colonial Forces.

B. St. JOHN, Major, Military Secretary.  
King William's Town,  
12th January, 1882.

Supplementary Return of Casualty which occurred in the Colonial Forces during the month of November, 1881.

Private Albert Woods, R.W., C.M.R., died of fever, November 26, Thlotse Heights, Basutoland. Address, Mr. J. Wood, Washington, Storrington, Pullborough, Sussex, England.

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King William's Town,  
12th January, 1882.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 6th day of February, 1882.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the first session of the Parliament holden in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to abridge the holding of benefices in plurality, and to make better provision for the residence of the clergy," after

reciting that "Whereas in some instances tithings, hamlets, chapelries, and other places or districts may be separated from the parishes or mother churches to which they belong, with great advantage, and places altogether extra-parochial may in some instances with advantage be annexed to parishes or districts to which they are contiguous, or be constituted separate parishes for ecclesiastical purposes," it is, amongst other things, enacted "That when with respect to his own diocese it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, or when the Bishop of any diocese shall represent to the said Archbishop that any such tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place or district within the diocese of such Archbishop, or the diocese of such Bishop, as the case may be, may be advantageously separated from any parish or mother church, and either be constituted a separate benefice by itself or be united to any other parish to which it may be more conveniently annexed, or to any other adjoining tithing, hamlet, chapelry, place, or district, parochial or extra-parochial, so as to form a separate parish or benefice, or that any extra-parochial place may with advantage be annexed to any parish to which it is contiguous, or be constituted a separate parish for ecclesiastical purposes; and the said Archbishop or Bishop shall draw up a scheme in writing, (the scheme of such Bishop to be transmitted to the said Archbishop for his consideration) describing the mode in which it appears to him that the alteration may best be effected, and how the changes consequent on such alteration in respect to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, glebe lands, tithes, rent-charges, and other ecclesiastical dues, rates, and payments, and in respect to patronage and rights to pews, may be made with justice to all parties interested; and if the patron or patrons of the benefice or benefices to be affected by such alteration shall consent in writing under his or their hands to such scheme, or to such modification thereof as the said Archbishop may approve, and the said Archbishop shall, on full consideration and enquiry, be satisfied with any such scheme, or modification thereof, and shall certify the same and such consent as aforesaid, by his report to Her Majesty in Council, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to make an Order for carrying such scheme, or modification thereof, as the case may be, into effect."

And whereas the Lord Bishop of Chester hath made a Representation in writing to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"To the Most Reverend William by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of York.

"Whereas by reason of the great inequality in population of certain of the parishes in the city and my diocese of Chester it is expedient that an alteration of the area of such parishes should be effected in manner hereinafter set forth.

"Now I William by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Chester do hereby represent to your Grace that there is my diocese of Chester the vicarage and parish of Saint Oswald Chester the most populous part of which parish is situate in the city of Chester and consists of two well defined portions or districts known as Saint Oswalds within the Walls and Saint Oswalds without the Walls the former of which is shown on the plan hereunto annexed and thereon coloured blue.

"That the south transept of the cathedral church of Chester (also shown on the said plan)