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Foreign Office, June 16, 1892.

HER Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has been informed by the French Ambassador at the Court of St. James's that, with a view to prevent the importation of arms and munitions of war into Dahomey, the Government of the Republic has determined to establish, from the 15th instant, a Blockade of the portion of the Slave Coast comprised between the limit of the French and German possessions of the Popos (6° 14' 15" of north latitude, and 0° 40' 36" of longitude west of Paris), and the eastern limit of the French possessions of Porto Novo, which, according to the arrangement between England and France of the 10th August, 1889, is fixed on the coast by the line of the meridian passing through Ajarra Creek.

War Office, June 10, 1892.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:

To be an Honorary Member of the Civil Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:—His Highness Prince Abbas Pasha, Khedive of Egypt.

Downing Street, June 14, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Fielding Clarke, Esq., Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of that Colony.

Whitehall, June 15, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom unto the Right Honourable Sir Henry John Selwin Ibbetson, Bart., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Baron Rookwood, of Rookwood Hall and Down Hall, both in the county of Essex.

Whitehall, June 15, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,

granting the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom unto Sir Evelyn Baring, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., C.I.E., Her Majesty's Agent and Consul-General in Egypt, a Minister Plenipotentiary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service; and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten; by the name, style, and title of Baron Cromer, of Cromer, in the county of Norfolk.

Whitehall, June 15, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Baronet of the said United Kingdom unto Francis Sharp Powell, of Horton Old Hall, in the parish of Bradford, in the West Riding of the county of York, Esq., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

Whitehall, June 15, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Baronet of the said United Kingdom unto Henry Wiggin, of Metchley Grange, in the parish of Harborne, in the county of Stafford, and of Garth Gwynion, in the parish of Machynlleth, in the county of Montgomery, Esq., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

Whitehall, June 15, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Knight of the said United Kingdom unto William James Bell, of Scatwell, in the parish of Contin, in the county of Ross, Esq., and of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law, Doctor of Laws of the University of Cambridge.

Whitehall, June 15, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Knight of the said United Kingdom unto Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esq., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of New South Wales.