

And We do further ordain that you, or any five or more of you, have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any five or more of you, your opinion upon the matter herein submitted for your consideration.

And for the purpose of aiding you in your inquiries, We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Alfred Herbert Higgins, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the thirtieth day of *May*, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, in the sixty-second year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,
M. W. Ridley.

War Office, June 2, 1899.

THE COLONIAL AUXILIARY FORCES OFFICERS' DECORATION WARRANT.

VICTORIA, R.I.

WHEREAS it is Our desire to recognize the long and meritorious services of Commissioned Officers of Our Colonial Auxiliary Forces, and of others who shall be eligible under the conditions herein laid down, We do hereby constitute and create, as a reward for these services, a new Decoration, which shall be designated "The Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration."

It is Our will and pleasure that this Decoration shall be conferred on the Commissioned Officers of all organized Military Forces, except the permanent Forces, serving in Our Colonies and Dependencies, or raised for Our Service in countries under Our protection, whether designated as Militia or Volunteers, or otherwise, subject to the following rules:—

The period of service requisite to qualify for this Decoration shall be twenty years' commissioned service. Half the time served in the ranks of any such forces shall be reckoned as qualifying service. Service on the West Coast of Africa shall reckon double as qualifying service.

Service rendered partly in the local forces of one Colony or Protectorate, and partly in the local forces of another Colony or Protectorate, or partly in the local forces of one or more Colonies or Protectorates, and partly in the Volunteer Force of Great Britain, shall be reckoned as qualifying service for the Decoration, provided that no Officer shall be eligible unless at least half of his qualifying service has been rendered in the Militia or Volunteer Forces of one or more Colonies or Protectorates, service on the West Coast of Africa counting double.

Service on the permanent staff shall not reckon as qualifying service for this decoration.

Service qualifying for this decoration shall also count towards the qualifying service necessary for "The Volunteer Officers' Decoration," provided that no officer shall be eligible for such decoration, unless 10 years' commissioned service, or the equivalent thereof, has been spent in the Volunteer Force of Great Britain.

It is Our further will and pleasure that this decoration shall be conferred under such regulations as to grant, forfeiture, and restoration, as may from time to time be submitted by the Governor-General of Our Dominion of Canada, or by the Governors of Our Colonies and Dependencies, or

by Our representatives in countries under Our protection, and as may be approved by Our Principal Secretary of State for War upon the recommendation of Our Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies. The regulations aforesaid shall as far as possible correspond with those laid down for "The Volunteer Officers' Decoration."

Our Warrant of the twenty-fourth May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, save and except so much of it as relates to Our Indian Empire, is hereby cancelled.

Given at Our Court at *Windsor*, this eighteenth day of *May*, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, in the sixty-second year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,
Lansdowne.

War Office, June 2, 1899.

THE COLONIAL AUXILIARY FORCES LONG SERVICE MEDAL WARRANT.

VICTORIA, R.I.

WHEREAS it is Our desire to recognize the long and meritorious services of members of Our Colonial Auxiliary Forces, and of others who shall be eligible under the conditions herein laid down, We do hereby constitute and create, as a reward for these services, a new Medal, which shall be designated "The Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal."

It is Our will and pleasure that this Medal shall be awarded to the members of all organized Military Forces, except the permanent Forces serving in Our Colonies and Dependencies, or raised for Our Service in countries under Our protection, whether designated as Militia or Volunteers, or otherwise, subject to the following rules:—

The period of service requisite to qualify for this Medal shall be twenty years. Service on the West Coast of Africa shall reckon double as qualifying service.

Service rendered partly in the local forces of one Colony or Protectorate, and partly in the local forces of another Colony or Protectorate, or partly in the local forces of one or more Colonies or Protectorates, and partly in the Volunteer Force of Great Britain, shall be reckoned as qualifying service for the Medal, provided that no Officer or man shall be eligible, unless at least half his service has been rendered in the Militia or Volunteer Forces of one or more Colonies or Protectorates, service on the West Coast of Africa counting double.

Service on the permanent staff shall not reckon as qualifying service for this Medal.

Service qualifying for this Medal shall also count towards the necessary qualifying service for "The Volunteer Long Service Medal," provided that no Officer or man shall be eligible for such medal, unless ten years' service has been spent in the Volunteer Force of Great Britain.

An Officer who has served in the ranks of a Volunteer corps in Great Britain, or of the Militia or Volunteers of a Colony or Protectorate, but who is not qualified for the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration, shall, on completing twenty years' service in all, be eligible to receive the Long Service Medal, but shall surrender it if subsequently the aforesaid Decoration shall be conferred upon him.

It is Our further will and pleasure that this Medal shall be awarded under such regulations as to issue, surrender, forfeiture, and restoration as may from time to time be submitted by the Governor-General of Our Dominion of Canada,