

been made to secure space in some other part of the Metropolis. The site on which Your Royal Highness now stands will permit of the erection of a building not only adequate for the present needs of the Department, but capable of such extension as will suffice for all probable requirements for many years to come.

The interest which Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to evince in the Savings Bank by authorizing Your Royal Highness to lay the first stone of this building on Her Majesty's behalf will render the occasion memorable in the history of the institution; and the honour which Your Royal Highness has conferred upon the Post Office by graciously consenting to attend to day is highly appreciated by myself and the whole staff of the Department.

Norfolk, E.M., Postmaster-General.

To which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on behalf of Her Majesty, gave the following most gracious Answer:—

"IT gives me sincere pleasure to be present as the representative of the Queen, My Dear Mother, to receive your loyal Address, and to lay the first stone of the new Savings Bank Buildings.

"Her Majesty desires me to express the great interest she has always taken in the Post Office Savings Bank, and the gratification with which she has watched the business it transacts attain to its present proportion.

"She rejoices at the stimulus to thrift, commerce, and industry, conferred by a system which has throughout worked so admirably and reflected the highest credit on those connected with its administration, and which, while it brings, as you have said, facilities for economy to every man's door, is based on the firmest security.

"She trusts that the inauguration of these buildings will yet further increase the popularity of the Post Office Savings Bank, and lead to a corresponding benefit to those who invest in this Bank, and especially to the Working Classes.

"I thank you for your kind expressions towards the Princess of Wales and Myself and for the cordial welcome you have given us."

War Office, June 30, 1899.

THE Queen has been pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order, and promotions in the Army, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officers during the recent operations in the Soudan (defeat of Ahmed Fedil's Army in the Cataract south of Roseires):

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order:—

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Fortescue John Nason, the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), employed with Egyptian Army.

Captain James Willes Jennings, Royal Army Medical Corps, employed with Egyptian Army.

Lieutenant Edward Peter Strickland, the Norfolk Regiment, employed with Egyptian Army.

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To be Colonel.

Lieutenant-Colonel D. F. Lewis, C.B., employed with Egyptian Army.

To be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major C. Fergusson, D.S.O., Grenadier Guards, employed with Egyptian Army.

To be Major.

Captain Sir H. B. Hill, Bart., Princess Victoria's (Royal Irish Fusiliers), employed with Egyptian Army.

The promotions to bear date 26th December, 1898.

MEMORANDUM.

The Queen has further been pleased to approve the grant of the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field to the undermentioned soldiers:—
Sergeant J. C. Lambert, Royal Marine Artillery.
Sergeant R. A. Trowbridge, Royal Marine Artillery.

War Office, June 30, 1899.

THE Queen has been pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order, and promotion in the Army, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officers with the Royal Niger Constabulary during the recent operations in the Benin Hinterland, Siama, &c.:

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order:—

Captain Weir de Lancey Williams, the Hampshire Regiment.

Captain Augustin J. Digan, the Mid-Ulster Artillery.

Lieutenant William James Bowker, the Prince Albert's (Somersetshire Light Infantry).

Lieutenant Verolst Turner Worship, the Royal Munster Fusiliers.

Lieutenant William St. Aubyn Wake, the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment).

Lieutenant William Arthur Glanmor Williams, the South Wales Borderers.

Lieutenant Freeling Ross Lawrence, 14th Hussars.

Lieutenant Archibald Jones Forbes, the South Wales Borderers.

Lieutenant Vincent John Tighe, the West India Regiment.

BREVET.

Captain A. K. Stubbs, the Worcestershire Regiment, to be Major. Dated 1st July, 1899.

MEMORANDUM.

The Queen has further been pleased to approve of the grant of the Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field to Sergeant J. Halfpenny, Royal Horse Artillery.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE.

Lieutenant J. A. Burdon, the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, is noted for consideration for the Brevet rank of Major, on promotion to the rank of Captain.

War Office, June 30, 1899.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of the following promotion in the Army:—

BREVET.

Major J. Willcocks, C.M.G., D.S.O., the Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians), to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 20th May, 1898.

Foreign Office, May 1, 1899.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint G. B. Figgott, Esq., now Chief Judicial Officer in the British Central Africa Protectorate, to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul in that Protectorate.

Windsor Castle, June 28, 1899.

HER Royal Highness the Princess Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg, has been pleased to appoint Colonel Lord William Cecil, M.V.O., to be Comptroller and Treasurer to the Household of Her Royal Highness, in the room of Colonel John Clark, C.S.I., C.V.O., resigned.