

operation of such Order, shall or shall not have arrived), as to Her Majesty, with such advice as aforesaid, may seem fit:

And whereas the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbent and the Churchwardens of the parish hereinafter mentioned ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, made a representation, stating that he is of opinion that the Order of Her Majesty in Council of the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four as varied by the Order in Council of the fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight in so far as it affects burials in the burial-ground or churchyard of Saint John's Church, Manchester, should be further varied, and that the following directions should be substituted for those contained in

the said Orders, with respect to burials in the said churchyard, viz. :—

That burials be discontinued forthwith and entirely in Saint John's Church, Manchester, and also in the churchyard.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council is pleased hereby to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on the twenty-fourth day of December next :

And Her Majesty is further pleased to direct that this Order be forthwith published in the London Gazette; and that copies thereof be affixed on the doors of the churches or chapels of, or on some conspicuous places within, the parish affected by such representation one month before the said twenty-fourth day of December.

A. W. FitzRoy.

War Office, November 20, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to award the decoration of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officer, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his conspicuous bravery during the engagement at Paardeberg, as stated against his name :—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
Essex Regiment ...	Lieutenant Francis Newton Parsons (since deceased)	On the morning of the 18th February, 1900, at Paardeberg, on the south bank of the River Modder, Private Ferguson, 1st Battalion Essex Regiment, was wounded and fell in a place devoid of cover. While trying to crawl under cover, he was again wounded, in the stomach, Lieutenant Parsons at once went to his assistance, dressed his wound under heavy fire, went down twice (still under heavy fire) to the bank of the river to get water for Private Ferguson, and subsequently carried him to a place of safety. This Officer was recommended for the Victoria Cross by Lieutenant-General Kelly-Kenny, C.B., on 3rd March last. Lieutenant Parsons was killed on the 10th March, in the engagement at Dreifontein, on which occasion he again displayed conspicuous gallantry.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, October 24, 1900.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to the Royal Victorian Order :—

To be a Commander.

Edward Rose, Esq., Indian Civil Service.

Foreign Office, October 27, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Sir Charles Norton Edgcumbe Eliot, K.C.M.G., C.B., to be Her Majesty's Agent and Consul-General for the Dominions of the Sultan of Zanzibar, and Commissioner and Consul-General in the British East Africa Protectorate, exclusive of the Mainland Dominions of the Sultan of Zanzibar.

Whitehall, November 17, 1900.

IN pursuance of "The Board of Agriculture Act, 1889," the Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 16th instant, to appoint the Right Honourable Robert William Hanbury to be President of the Board of Agriculture for Great Britain.

Whitehall, November 19, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto William Hodgson, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Osmanieh, conferred upon him by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of his services to His Highness as Chief Foreman of Locomotive Works in the Administration of the Egyptian State Railways.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, November 17, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to make the following appointment :—

James Reid, Esq., Advocate, to be Resident Sheriff-Substitute at Banff, in the Sheriffdom of Aberdeen, Kincardine, and Banff. Dated 15th November, 1900.

(F. & H. 15,454.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, November 17, 1900.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy