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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
April 16, 1902.*

NOTICE is hereby given that The King will hold Courts, by Invitation, at Buckingham Palace, on Friday, the 2nd May next, and on Friday, the 16th May next, at 10 o'clock P.M., at which Presentations to Their Majesties will be made.

CLARENDON,
Lord Chamberlain.

*Council Chamber, Whitehall,
April 17, 1902.*

CORONATION OF THEIR MAJESTIES.

COURT OF CLAIMS.

THE Right Honourable the Commissioners appointed by His Majesty to hear and determine all Claims of Services to be performed at the time of the ensuing Coronation (except those dispensed with by His Majesty's Royal Proclamation of the 26th day of June, 1901), and of fees to be received for the same, will meet at the Council Office, Whitehall, on Wednesday, the 14th day of May next, at eleven o'clock of the forenoon, to settle their Report to His Majesty.

The said Commissioners hereby require all persons who may still be desirous of exhibiting Petitions and Claims concerning such Services to make their Petitions or Claims on or before Wednesday, the 7th day of May next.

The said Commissioners at their Meeting held at the Council Office, Whitehall, on the 17th day of July, 1901, resolved as follows:—

1. All claims must be made by Petition. Petitions may be sent under cover to the Clerks of the Court of Claims, Privy Council Office, Whitehall.

2. Petitioners are not required to appear in person before the Court, unless summoned.

3. Petitioners may appear by Solicitors, Agents, or Counsel.

4. If a Claim was admitted in 1838, the Court will forthwith admit such Claim, provided the Commissioners are satisfied that the present Petitioner represents the person whose Claim was admitted in 1838, and that there is no Counter-Claim.

The Commissioners are required by the Proclamation to exclude from their consideration such Claims as may be submitted to them in respect of Rights or Services connected with the parts of the Ceremonial heretofore performed in Westminster Hall and with the Procession, the Ceremony being confined to Westminster Abbey.

*War Office,
April 18, 1902.*

THE following Despatches have been received by the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

Auchterarder, N.B.,
31st August, 1901.

Despatch relating to Field Operations.

SIR,

1. IN consequence of the wholesale depopulation of the country, carried on by the large slave-raiding bands of Kontagora, I directed Colonel G. V. Kemball, Royal Artillery, Acting Commandant West African Frontier Force, to proceed against the Emir, and he left Jebba on January 19th. His force (including a party which joined him from Illo en route) consisted of 11 officers (including medical), three British non-commissioned officers, 433 rank and file, with two guns and three Maxims. Lieutenant Keyes seized the village of Udara, four miles north of Kontagora, in the night, and depositing his baggage there Colonel Kemball advanced in square formation. "Some thousands of horse and foot," says Colonel Kemball, "awaited the attack. Parties of horse and men with trade guns and rifles moved against our front, but the greater number of the enemy worked round our flanks, and charged towards the rear of the square. Not a shot was fired from the square except by selected marksmen until the arrows began to fall thickly inside, and some of the enemy were within 80 yards. I then gave the order for volleys, and in two minutes the enemy were in full flight, but some of their horsemen and archers behaved in the most intrepid manner. Our only casualty was one man killed." He despatched Captain Lewis and Lieutenant Keyes with two light columns, each about 100 strong,