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FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1902.

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 verson 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 West-minster Hall and with the Procession, the the Ceremony being confined to Westminster Abbey.

Foreign Office, February 28, 1902.

THE KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Lionel Charles Hopkins, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul-General for the Provinces of Chihli and Shansi, to reside at Tientsin.

Foreign Office,

April 10, 1902.

THE KING has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Robert Alfred Hard-castle Collier to be a Third Secretary in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

Foreign Office, April 23, 1902.

THE KING has been pleased to approve of Dr. Edgar Wolfhagen as Consul of Germany at Hobart, Tasmania.

War Office,

25th April, 1902.

THE KING has been pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Dis-tinguished Service Order, and promotions in the Army, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officers during operations in East and West Africa :

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order :-

- Lieutenant-Colonel (Brigadier General) George Vere Kemball, Inspector-General of the West African Frontier Force. (Kontagora and Bida Expeditions.)
- Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Lethbridge Napier Morland, the King's Royal Rifle Corps, and
- Captain and Brevet Major Augustus McClintock, Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, the Duke of Albany's). (Expedition against the Emir of Yola.)