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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1908.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, December 11, 1908.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following promotion in and appointments to the Royal Victorian Order, to take effect from the dates noted :—

To be Honorary Commander :

7th November, 1908. Lieutenant-Colonel Anatole de Mordvinoff, Aide-de-Camp to His Imperial Highness The Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch of Russia.

To be Knight Commander :

11th December, 1908. Francesco Paolo Tosti, Esq., C.V.O.

To be Commander :

11th December, 1908. The Rev. Arthur Lewis Babington Peile.

To be Member of the Fourth Class :

23rd November, 1908. Arthur Campbell Ainger, Esq.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF
THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF
JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

*Chancery of the Order,
St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London, E.C.,
December 8, 1908.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to sanction the following promotions and appointments to the Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England :—

As Chaplain.

The Reverend Hubert Murray Burge, M.A., D.D.,

As Knights of Grace.

Major George Lund (from Honorary Serving Brother).

Lieutenant-Colonel George Edward Twiss,
Major Sir Allan Perry, M.D., D.P.H.

As Lady of Grace.

The Honourable Mrs. Joyce.

As Esquire.

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry John Barnes

Whitehall, November 30, 1908.

The KING has been graciously pleased to grant unto Edward Francis Riddell, of Cheeseburn Grange, in the parish of Stamfordham and county of Northumberland, Esquire, a Major in the Northumberland Regiment of Hussars Imperial Yeomanry, and in the Commission of the Peace for the said county, eldest son and heir of Francis Henry Riddell, late of Cheeseburn Grange aforesaid, Esquire (by Ellen, his wife, daughter of Michael Henry Blount, late of Maple Durham, in the county of Oxford, Esquire), deceased, His Royal licence and authority, that he may in compliance with an Indenture, dated the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, take and use the surname of Blount in addition to and after that of Riddell, that he may bear the arms of Blount quarterly with his own family arms; and that such surname and arms may in like manner be taken, borne, and used by his issue, such arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And also to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in His Majesty's said College of Arms,