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CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER,

ST. JAMES' PALACE, September 19, 1900.

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

To be a Knight Grand Cross.

The Earl of Hopetoun, K.T., G.C.M.G.

To be a Commander.

Sir John Henry William Schröder, Bart.

MEDALS—AFRICA.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL OF THE NAVY,

ADMIRALTY, October 10, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the Medals and Clasps awarded to the Naval Force engaged in the late operations in Sierra Leone are now ready for issue.

The award is limited to those Officers, Seamen, and Marines of Her Majesty's ships "Alecto," "Blonde," and "Fox," who, during the year 1898, were actually landed for military operations, or who took part in the boat expeditions up rivers *under fire*; these include—

1. The Officers and Men who took part in the boat expedition to Lokko on 5th March.

2. The landing parties and boat expeditions from Her Majesty's ship "Blonde," in the Sherbro District, between 1st and 15th May.
 3. The parties landed by the boats of Her Majesty's ships "Alecto" and "Blonde," during the Boom Kittam River Expedition, on 16th May.
 4. The parties landed by the boats of Her Majesty's ship "Fox," with the Colonial boat "Countess of Derby," in the expedition up the Brepé River, 11th to 14th May.
- The Medal is the same pattern as that issued for the Ashantee War, with a Clasp inscribed "Sierra Leone, 1898-9," and those Officers and Men already in possession of the Medal for former operations will receive the Clasp only.

Application should be made personally, or by letter, to the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, London, S. W.

Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines who have left the Service, whether applying personally or by letter, are required to produce their certificates of service.

ADMIRALTY, October 9, 1900.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, hereby give notice that the appointment of Instructor in Natural Science on board Her Majesty's ship "Britannia" (Training Ship for Naval Cadets) is placed in Schedule B of the Order in Council of the 4th June 1870.