WAR OFFICE, January 15, 1901.

The Queen has been pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of services of the under-mentioned Officers, &c., during the recent operations in Ashanti. Dated 29th November 1900:—

. To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order :—

Captain James Henry Edward Holford, 7th Hussars.

Captain John Ernest Charles James Cochrane, the Donegal Artillery.

Captain Henry Vincent John McCann Neal, 3rd Battalion Scottish Rifles.

Captain Frederick Edward Bishop, 3rd Battalion the Bedfordshire Regiment.

Captain Cecil Hamilton Armitage, 3rd Battalion the South Wales Borderers.

Captain Ernest Percy Stuart Roupell, the Milford Haven Division, Royal Engineers (Militia), Submarine Miners.

Captain Charles Edward Joseph Glyn O'Malley, 6th Battalion Middlesex Regiment.

Lieutenant Edward Hawtin Phillips, Royal Artillery.

Lieutenant Henry Vincent Shortland, 3rd Battalion the Royal Irish Regiment.

Lieutenant William Frederick Savery Edwards, 4th Battalion Devonshire Regiment.

CHANCERY OF THE ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE, DOWNING STREET, January 15, 1901.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointments to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, in recognition of services rendered in connection with the recent military operations in Ashanti:

To be Ordinary Members of the Third Class. or Companions of the said Most Distinguished Order—

George Basil Haddon-Smith, Esq., Chief Assistant Colonial Secretary of the Gold Coast, lately serving as Political Officer with the Ashanti Field Force.

Donald Keith M'Dowell, Esq., Principal Medical Officer of the West African Frontier Force on the Niger, lately serving as Principal Medical Officer of the Ashanti Field Force.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 3, 1901.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Sigismand Moritz as Consul-General of Persia in Scotland; Mr. N. H. Catchpole as Consul of Belgium as Lowestoft, for the County of Suffolk; Mr. A. Knudsen as Consul of Denmark at Manchester; Mr. Thomas Robert Smith as Consul of

Sweden and Norway at Victoria for British Columbia; Mr. Koto Motoshiro Shoshichii as Consul of Japan at Hong Kong; Mr. Thomas Dunlop as Consul of Paraguay in Scotland, to reside at Glasgow; Señor Maximilian Aron as Consul of Venezuela at Gravesend; Mr. Richard Turner as Vice-Consul of Mexico at Quebec; and Señor Emile Purgold as Vice-Consul of the Dominican Republic at Liverpool.

WHITEHALL, January 12, 1901.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Edward Tindal Atkinson, Esq., Q.C., to be Her Majesty's Attorney-General of the County Palatine of Durham, in the room of John Forbes, Esq., Q.C., resigned.

WHITEHALL, January 12, 1901.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint John Scott Fox, Esq., Q.C., to be Her Majesty's Solicitor-General of the County Palatine of Durham, in the room of Edward Tindal Atkinson, Esq., Q.C., resigned.

WHITEHALL, January 12, 1901.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Sir John Henry William Schröder, Bart., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the First Class of the Royal Prussian Order of the Crown, conferred upon him by His Majesty the German Emperor, in recognition of his great philanthropic services to Germans in this country and abroad.

FACTORY DEPARTMENT, HOME OFFICE, Johnary 11, 1901.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. Duncan Clark, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Acts, at West Linton, in the County of Peebles, is vacant.

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 to 1896.

The Board of Agriculture have appointed Francis Algernon Fulford to be a Superintending Inspector for the purposes of the above-mentioned Acts, vice Major Henry Landon, retired.

Board of Agriculture, 15th January 1901.