

Consolidated Chapelry of All Saints South Merstham.

"We therefore humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the premises into Your Royal consideration and to make such Order in respect thereto as to Your Majesty in Your Royal wisdom shall seem meet.

"The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Representation has reference.

"The Consolidated Chapelry of All Saints South Merstham comprising:—

"All that portion of the parish of Merstham in the county of Surrey and in the diocese of Rochester which is bounded upon the south-west by the hereinafter described portion of the parish of Gatton upon the south-east by the parish of Nutfield upon the east by the parish of Blechingley all in the county and diocese aforesaid and upon the remaining sides that is to say upon the north and upon the north-west by an imaginary line commencing at the point near the lodge at the entrance to the house and grounds called Coppice Lea where the boundary which divides the said parish of Blechingley from the parish of Merstham aforesaid crosses the middle of the high road which leads from Blechingley past the house called Spynes Barn and through Worsted Green to Merstham and extending thence westward along the middle of the said road for a distance of seventy-five chains or thereabouts to the south-eastern side of the bridge which carries the old main line of the South Eastern Railway Company over the said road and extending thence south-westward along the fence forming the south-eastern boundary of the property of the said Railway Company for a distance of twenty-seven chains or thereabouts to the boundary which divides the said parish of Merstham from the parish of Gatton aforesaid.

"And also all that contiguous portion of the said parish of Gatton which is situate on the south-western side of the above described portion of the parish of Merstham aforesaid and which by a confirming Order of the Local Government Board dated the fourth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine has for all civil purposes been annexed to and incorporated in the said parish of Merstham."

And whereas the said representation has been approved by Her Majesty in Council: now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said representation, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said diocese of Rochester. *A. W. FitzRoy.*

War Office, December 29, 1899.

THE following Despatches have been received by the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—
Government House, Fort Thornton,

SIR, *Sierra Leone, January 17, 1899.*

I HAVE the honour to transmit, for your information, a Despatch, dated 9th instant, from Colonel E. R. P. Woodgate, C.B., covering the whole of the operations connected with the suppression of the recent disturbances in the Protectorate.

2. I beg to commend to your most favourable notice the very valuable services which Colonel Woodgate has rendered to this Government, as

well as those rendered by the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men of the Imperial Troops, and Sierra Leone Frontier Police, and by the District Commissioners and other officials in the service of this Government, mentioned by him in his Despatch.

3. I also beg to bring to your most favourable notice the efficient manner in which the Senior Naval Officers, viz.:—Captain A. L. Winsloe, Her Majesty's ship "Blake," Captain F. H. Henderson, Her Majesty's ship "Fox," and Captain R. S. Rolleston, Her Majesty's ship "Phœbe," co-operated with the Officer Commanding Troops and myself, and the valuable services rendered by Her Majesty's ships "Fox," "Phœbe," "Blonde," "Tartar," and "Alecto."

4. On the occasion of a reinforcement of the 1st West India Regiment having been sent to Port Lokko on the 3rd March last, Captain Henderson, at my request, detailed a gun force to cover the passage of the troops up the Lokko Creek under Lieutenant F. K. C. Gibbons, Her Majesty's ship "Fox." This officer did very good service in assisting in the defence of Port Lokko the next day by shelling the insurgents out of a part of the town in which they had established themselves.

5. The thanks of this Government are specially due to Captain Henderson, R.N., who proceeded on the 2nd May in Her Majesty's ship "Fox" to Sulima and Mano Salijah, where there were several large factories and customs stations, and rescued the Government officials and traders there from almost certain death, driving off by his shell fire the insurgents, who had already surrounded and commenced an attack on those places.

6. The thanks of this Government are also due to Captain Rolleston, R.N., for the assistance he rendered with Her Majesty's ships "Phœbe," "Tartar," and "Alecto," in landing the two military expeditions for Shengah and Bumpe on the 5th and 6th July, and for his willing co-operation on several other occasions.

7. At the critical period of the Mendi rising the presence of Her Majesty's ships "Blonde" and "Alecto," which Captain Henderson despatched to Bonthe, absolutely secured that place from attack by the insurgents, and the boat expeditions which were organized from those ships up the rivers and creeks, by the punishment which they inflicted on the insurgents, put any future attempts on the part of the latter to take Bonthe out of the question.

8. Commander Peyton Hoskyns, R.N., commanded several of these expeditions: amongst others he proceeded on the 4th May up the Jong River to Bogo, driving the insurgents from their stockades and inflicting severe losses on them, and on the 13th he covered with a gun force the advance of Lieutenant-Colonel Cunningham's column up the Jong River, at times under heavy fire from the banks.

9. Lieutenant Commander Holmes, R.N., Her Majesty's ship "Alecto," who co-operated with Captain Hoskyns in the boat expeditions, made a reconnaissance to Bendu on the 19th May, and did valuable service on the 11th and 12th June by proceeding up the Bum-Kittam River and rescuing a number of Sierra Leone women who had been taken prisoners by the insurgents.

10. I beg to bring to your notice also the following Officers, who have been specially mentioned for their services:—Lieutenant W. F. Benwell, Her Majesty's ship "Fox," Lieutenant E. O. Gladstone, Her Majesty's ship "Alecto," Lieutenant G. H. Welch, Her Majesty's ship "Blonde," Lieutenant E. W. Denison, Her Majesty's ship