of July next at Eleven of the Clock on the Morning of the same Day, and from Time to Time to adjourn as to them shall seem meet, for the Execution of Our said Commission, which We do thus publish, to the Intent that all such Persons whom it may any ways concern may know when and where to give their Attendance for the exhibiting of their Petitions and Claims concerning their Services before mentioned to be done and performed at Our said Coronation: And We do hereby signify and declare that it is Our Royal Will and Pleasure that such part only of the Solemnity and Ceremony of the Royal Coronation of Ourself and Our dearly beloved Consort the Queen, as is usually upon the Coronation of the Kings and Queens of this Realm solemnized in Westminster Abbey, shall take place. And We do further by this Our Royal Proclamation signify and declare that We do for Ourself, and for Our dearly beloved Consort the Queen dispense, upon the occasion of this Our Coronation, with the services and attendance of all persons who do claim and are bound to do and perform any services which, according to ancient custom or usage, are to be performed in Westminster Hall or in the Procession. And We do hereby further graciously declare that the same shall not interfere with the rights and privileges of any of Our loving Subjects to claim the performances of such several services or any of them at any future Coronation. And We do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, declare and make known to all such of Our loving Subjects as it may concern, that it seems good to Us that the Committee of Claims shall, upon the occasion of this Our Coronation, 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 per-formed in Westminster Hall and with the Procession.

> Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the Twenty-sixth day of June, in the First Year of Our Reign.

> > GOD save the KING.

A T the Court at Saint James's, the 26th day of June, 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Most Honourable Frederick
Temple, Marquess of Dufferin and Ava,
K.P., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E.,
was, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His
Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Privy Council Office, Whitehall, June 26, 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Committee of the Privy Council under "The London Government Act, 1899," have settled a Scheme, entitled the Metropolitan Boroughs (Offices) Scheme, copies of which may be inspected and obtained at the Offices of the Town Clerks of the several Metropolitan Boroughs.

The Committee have also settled a Scheme with reference to Penge and Beckenham Sewers, copies of which may be inspected and obtained at the Offices of the Clerks to the Urban District Councils of Penge and Beckenham.

A. W FitzRoy.

A T the Court at Saint James's, the 15th day of June, 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the
Board a Memorial from the Right
Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the
Admiralty, dated the fourteenth day of June, one
thousand nine hundred and one, in the words

following, viz.:—
"Whereas we are of opinion that there should exist some means of recognizing Distinguished Service before the Enemy on the part of Warrant Officers or Subordinate Officers of Your Majesty's Fleet, who by reason of not holding a Commission in the Royal Navy, are not eligible for appoint-

ment to any existing Order or Decoration.

"We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to institute a Decoration, to be designated the Conspicuous Service Cross and to consist of a Silver Cross, with the reverse side plain, but having on the obverse side in the centre Your Majesty's Imperial and Royal Cypher, E.R.I., surmounted by the Imperial Crown.

"We would beg leave to recommend to Your Majesty that this Decoration be awarded for meritorious or distinguished services before the Enemy performed by Warrant Officers or Acting Warrant Officers, or by subordinate Officers of Your Majesty's Fleet: and that no person shall be nominated thereto unless his services shall have been marked by the especial mention of his name in despatches by the Admiral or Senior Naval or Military Officer Commanding the Squadron or detached Force.

"The award of this Decoration to carry with it the right to have the letters C.S.C. appended to

the Officer's name.

"We would submit further that the names of those upon whom Your Majesty may be pleased to confer this Decoration shall be published in the London Gazette, and a registry thereof kept in the Office of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. W. FitzRoy.

## Admiralty, June 28, 1901.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to confer upon— Lieutenant Halton Stirling Lecky, R.N., the Albert Medal of the Second Class, on the recommendation of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in recognition of his gallantry in saving life at sea in the following circumstances:—

On the 25th August, 1900, His Majesty's ship "Widgeon," anchored in Kosi Bay, fifty miles south of Delagoa Bay, in order to land stores and troops. The work of disembarkation was carried out by surf boats manned by Malays under the superintendence of Sub-Lieutenant Lecky, who had been sent on shore for the purpose.

Heavy breakers in lines of three to five, according to the tide, rolling in about fifty yards

apart, made the work very risky.

One boat loaded with stores and with Second Lieutenant Arnold Gray, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry, Trooper Frederick Trethowen, Steinacker's Horse, and Private J. H. Forbes, Thorney-