

War Office, April 12, 1876.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officer, whose claim to the same has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his gallant conduct during the recent operations against the Malays in Perak, as recorded against his name, viz. :—

Corps.	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
Bengal Staff Corps ...	Captain (now Brevet-Major) George Nicholas Channer	For having, with the greatest gallantry, been the first to jump into the Enemy's Stockade, to which he had been dispatched with a small party of the 1st Ghoorkha Light Infantry, on the afternoon of the 20th December, 1875, by the Officer commanding the Malacca Column, to procure intelligence as to its strength, position, &c. Major Channer got completely in rear of the Enemy's position, and finding himself so close that he could hear the voices of the men inside, who were cooking at the time, and keeping no look out, he beckoned to his men, and the whole party stole quietly forward to within a few paces of the Stockade. On jumping in, he shot the first man dead with his revolver, and his party then came up, and entered the Stockade, which was of a most formidable nature, surrounded by a bamboo palisade; about seven yards within was a log-house, loop-holed, with two narrow entrances, and trees laid latitudinally, to the thickness of two feet. The Officer commanding reports that if Major Channer, by his foresight, coolness, and intrepidity, had not taken this Stockade, a great loss of life must have occurred, as from the fact of his being unable to bring guns to bear on it, from the steepness of the hill, and the density of the jungle, it must have been taken at the point of the bayonet.

War Office, 14th April, 1876.

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Bedford.

Samuel Nicholson, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 15th April, 1876.

1st Devon.

Major Halifax Wyatt resigns his Commission; also is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and is permitted to continue to wear the uniform of the Regiment on his retirement. Dated 15th April, 1876.

Captain and Honorary Major John Tanner Davy to be Major. Dated 15th April, 1876.

John Walter Savile, Esq., late Captain and Adjutant, to be Major (Supernumerary). Dated 15th April, 1876.

Lieutenant Francis James Coleridge Boles to be Captain. Dated 15th April, 1876.

1st Durham.

Lieutenant Ernest John Winslow Maitland resigns his Commission. Dated 15th April, 1876.

Surgeon John Potts resigns his Commission, also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Regiment on his retirement. Dated 15th April, 1876.

West Essex.

Sub-Lieutenant Hugh Gurney Barclay resigns his Commission. Dated 15th April, 1876.

Royal South Gloucester.

Lieutenant William Henry Richards resigns his Commission. Dated 15th April, 1876.

Hereford.

Captain Thomas Millard Bennett is granted the honorary rank of Major. Dated 15th April, 1876.

3rd Royal Lancashire.

Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Richard Crosse is granted the honorary rank of Colonel. Dated 15th April, 1876.

5th Royal Lancashire.

William Charles Golding, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 15th April, 1876.

7th Royal Lancashire.

Herbert Turner, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 15th April, 1876.

Leicester.

Aldred Frederick George Beresford, Viscount Lumley, to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 15th April, 1876.

Walter Orlando Corbet, Gent., to be Sub-Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 15th April, 1876.

Royal North Lincoln.

Captain Robert Swan resigns his Commission. Dated 15th April, 1876.