

War Office, June 2, 1881.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon the undermentioned Officer of Her Majesty's Army, whose claim has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his gallant conduct in Afghanistan, as recorded against his name:—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
92nd Foot ...	Major (now Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel) George Stewart White, C.B.	<p>For conspicuous bravery during the engagement at Charasiah on the 6th October, 1879, when, finding that the artillery and rifle fire failed to dislodge the enemy from a fortified hill which it was necessary to capture, Major White led an attack upon it in person.</p> <p>Advancing with two companies of his regiment, and climbing from one steep ledge to another, he came upon a body of the enemy, strongly posted, and outnumbering his force by about 8 to 1. His men being much exhausted, and immediate action being necessary, Major White took a rifle, and, <i>going on by himself</i>, shot the leader of the enemy. This act so intimidated the rest that they fled round the side of the hill, and the position was won.</p> <p>Again, on the 1st September, 1880, at the battle of Candahar, Major White, in leading the final charge, under a heavy fire from the enemy, who held a strong position and were supported by two guns, rode straight up to within a few yards of them, and seeing the guns, dashed forward and secured one, immediately after which the enemy retired.</p>

Downing Street, June 1, 1881.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Francis Frederick Pinkett, Esq., to be a Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of Her Majesty's Settlement of Sierra Leone.

Downing Street, June 2, 1881.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint James Graham, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

Crown Office, June 2, 1881.

THE Queen has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to appoint Charles Hall, Esq., Attorney-General to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law.

Education Department, Whitehall,  
June 2, 1881.

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued an order this day for the compulsory formation of a School Board in the undermentioned Parish:—

Stroud ... .. Gloucester

Whitehall, May 18, 1881.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto William Arthur Brown, of Penn Fields, in the parish of Penn, in the county of Stafford, Gentleman, eldest son and heir of George Gwynn Brown, of Mitton Grange, near Stourport, in the county of Worcester, Gentleman, by Louisa, his wife, daughter of William Hanbury Sparrow, late of the parish of Penn aforesaid, and Albrighton Hall, in the county of Salop, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace and a Deputy-Lieutenant

for the said county of Stafford, deceased, and sister of William Mander Sparrow, late of Penn Court, in the parish of Penn, and of Albrighton Hall aforesaid, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace for the said counties of Stafford and Salop, and a Deputy-Lieutenant for the former county, of which he was High Sheriff in the years 1873-4, also deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will and testament of his maternal uncle, the said William Mander Sparrow, take and use the surname of Sparrow in lieu of that of Brown, and may bear the arms of Sparrow; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's said College of Arms.

(S. & C. 1698.)  
Board of Trade, 1, Whitehall,  
May 31, 1881.

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Belgrade, reporting that frequent enquiries have lately been addressed by British capitalists to the Servian Government and to the British Legation, as to the facilities offered in Servia for the opening up of mines and the establishment of industries, and enclosing translation of a Law passed by the Servian Government in January, 1874, for encouraging the establishment of various industries in Servia. A copy of this translation can be seen on application at the Statistical and Commercial Department, 1, Whitehall.