

War Office, May 12, 1885.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon the undermentioned Soldier of Her Majesty's Army, whose claim has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for conspicuous bravery at the action of Abu Klea, on the 17th January, 1885, as recorded against his name:—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
Royal Artillery ...	Gunner Albert Smith	At the Action of Abu Klea, on the 17th January last, when the enemy charged, the square fell back a short distance, leaving Lieutenant Guthrie, Royal Artillery, with his gun, in a comparatively unprotected position. At this moment a native rushed at Lieutenant Guthrie with a spear and would in all probability have killed that officer, who had no weapon in his hand at the time (being engaged in superintending the working of his gun), when Gunner Smith with a gun handspike warded off the thrust, thus giving Lieutenant Guthrie time to draw his sword, and with a blow bring the assailant to his knees, but as the latter fell he made a wild thrust at the Officer with a long knife, which Gunner Smith again warded off, not however before the native had managed to inflict a wound in Lieutenant Guthrie's thigh. Before the Soudani could repeat the thrust Gunner Smith killed him with the handspike and thus for the time saved the life of his Officer, though the latter unfortunately died some days afterwards of his wound.

Marlborough House, May 12, 1885.

THE Prince of Wales has been pleased to appoint John Lowe, Esq., M.D., late of King's Lynn, to be an Honorary Physician to His Royal Highness.

(H. 3600.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, May 11, 1885.*

THE Board of Trade have learnt through the Secretary of State for the Colonies that, since the 25th ultimo, a quarantine of three days has been imposed at Gibraltar on all arrivals from Spanish ports in the Mediterranean.

(H. 3629.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, May 11, 1885.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Athens, reporting that all arrivals from Spain, including those which left that country on the 25th ultimo, will be subjected in Greece to an observation of nine days counting from the date of the sanitary visit.

(H. 3670.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, May 12, 1885.*

THE Board of Trade have received through Her Majesty's Consul at Fiume, a Circular issued by the Hungarian Government, announcing that, from the 28th ultimo, all vessels coming from the East Indies, and having had no case of illness during their voyage, will be subjected to five days observation in all Hungarian ports.

Admiralty, 9th May, 1885.

The announcement contained in the London Gazette of the 7th April, 1885, of the confirmation of Acting Chief Engineer John Moysey in the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet from 28th February, 1884, is hereby cancelled.

Royal Marine Artillery.

The undermentioned Gentlemen to be Lieutenants:—

John Markham Rose. Dated 1st September, 1882.

William Bathurst Harkness. Dated 1st September, 1882.

Admiralty, 11th May, 1885.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of 22nd February, 1870, and 30th April, 1877—

Chief Engineer Holland Harrison has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 5th May, 1885.

*War Office, Pall Mall,**12th May, 1885.*

Royal Horse Guards, Lieutenant Charles William Selwyn to be Captain, vice J. S. Wynne Finch, retired. Dated 16th February, 1885.

3rd Dragoon Guards, Captain Henry Frank E. Lucas to be Major, vice F. M. Wardrop, seconded. Dated 18th April, 1885.

5th Dragoon Guards, Quartermaster John A. Banks, having deserted, has been removed from the Army. Dated 6th February, 1885.

Conductor of Supplies Charles George Perkins, from the Commissariat and Transport Staff, to be Quartermaster, vice J. A. Banks. Dated 13th May, 1885.

2nd Dragoons, Riding-Master, with the honorary and relative rank of Captain, Robert Speirs is placed on retired pay. Dated 13th May, 1885.

6th Dragoons, Lieutenant Herbert Turner to be Captain, vice C. F. Johnstone - Douglas, seconded. Dated 16th March, 1885.

9th Lancers, Captain and Brevet Major James J. Scott Chisholme to be Major, vice Lord William L. de la P. Beresford, V.C., seconded. Dated 15th December, 1884.

11th Hussars, Lieutenant William Harrison to be Captain, vice M. A. Close, appointed Adjutant. Dated 11th April, 1885.