

WAR-OFFICE, 17th February 1860.

THE Queen having been graciously pleased, by a Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 13th of December 1858, to declare that Non-Military Persons who, as Volunteers, have borne arms against the Mutineers both at Lucknow and elsewhere during the late operations in India, shall be considered as eligible to receive the decoration of the Victoria Cross, subject to the Rules and Ordinances already made and ordained for the government thereof, provided that it be established, in any case, that the person was serving under the orders of a General, or other Officer in Command of Troops in the Field, when he performed the Act of Bravery for which it is proposed to confer the decoration ;—Her Majesty has accordingly been pleased to signify Her intention to confer this high distinction on the undermentioned Gentleman, whose claim to the same has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, on account of an Act of Bravery performed by him in India, as recorded against his name ; viz. :—

Name and Designation.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
<p>Mr William Fraser M'Donell, of the Bengal Civil Service, Magistrate of Sarun,</p> <p>Date of Act of Bravery, 30th July 1857</p>	<p>For great coolness and bravery on the 30th of July 1857, during the retreat of the British Troops from Arrah, in having climbed, under an incessant fire outside the boat in which he and several Soldiers were, up to the rudder, and with considerable difficulty cut through the lashing which secured it to the side of the boat. On the lashing being cut, the boat obeyed the helm, and thus thirty-five European Soldiers escaped certain death.</p>

HER Majesty has also been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officers and Private Soldier, whose claims to the same have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, on account of Acts of Bravery performed by them in India, as recorded against their several names ; viz. :—

Regiment.	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
56th Bengal Native Infantry	<p>Captain William Martin Cafe</p> <p>Date of Act of Bravery, 15th April 1858,</p>	<p>For bearing away, under a heavy fire, with the assistance of Privates Thompson, Crowie, Spence, and Cook, the body of Lieutenant Willoughby, lying near the ditch of the Fort of Rubya, and for running to the rescue of Private Spence, who had been severely wounded in the attempt.</p>
1st European Bengal Fusiliers	<p>Lieutenant Francis David Millett Brown</p> <p>Date of Act of Bravery, 16th November 1857</p>	<p>For great gallantry at Narioul, on the 16th November 1857, in having, at the imminent risk of his own life, rushed to the assistance of a wounded soldier of the 1st European Bengal Fusiliers, whom he carried off, under a very heavy fire from the enemy, whose cavalry were within forty or fifty yards of him at the time.</p>
10th Regiment (1st Battalion)	<p>No. 2134, Private Denis Dempsey</p> <p>Dates of Acts of Bravery, 12th August 1857, and 14th March 1858</p>	<p>For having, at Lucknow, on the 14th March 1858, carried a Powder Bag through a burning village, with great coolness and gallantry, for the purpose of mining a passage in rear of the enemy's position. This he did, exposed to a very heavy fire from the enemy behind loop-holed walls, and to an almost still greater danger from the sparks which flew in every direction from the blazing houses.</p> <p>Also, for having been the first man who entered the village of Jugdispore on the 12th August 1857, under a most galling fire.</p> <p>Private Dempsey was likewise one of those who helped to carry Ensign Erskine, of the 10th Regiment, in the retreat from Arrah, in July 1857.</p>