

WAR-OFFICE, August 3, 1860.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the Decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces, whose claims to the same have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, in consideration of their gallantry and Distinguished Conduct during the operations of the Expeditionary Force in Persia in 1856-57, as recorded against their several names; viz. :—

Regiment.	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
20th Bombay Native Infantry	Captain John Augustus Wood Date of Act of Bravery, 9th December 1856	On the 9th of December 1856, Captain Wood led the Grenadier Company, which formed the head of the assaulting column sent against Bushire. He was the first man on the parapet of the fort, where he was instantly attacked by a large number of the garrison, who suddenly sprang on him from a trench cut in the parapet itself. These men fired a volley at Captain Wood and the head of the storming party, when only a yard or two distant from that Officer; but, although Captain Wood was struck by no less than seven musket balls, he at once threw himself upon the enemy, passed his sword through the body of their leader, and, being closely followed by the men of his company, speedily overcame all opposition, and established himself in the place. Captain Wood's decision, energy, and determined valour, undoubtedly contributed in a high degree to the success of the attack. His wounds compelled him to leave the force for a time; but, with the true spirit of a good soldier, he rejoined his Regiment, and returned to his duty at Bushire before the wounds were properly healed.
3d Bombay Light Cavalry	Lieutenant and Adjutant Arthur Thomas Moore, and Lieutenant John Grant Malcolmson Date of Acts of Bravery, 8th February 1857	On the occasion of an attack on the enemy on the 8th of February 1857, led by Lieutenant-Colonel Forbes, C.B., Lieutenant Moore, the Adjutant of the Regiment, was, perhaps, the first of all, by a horse's length. His horse leaped into the square, and instantly fell dead, crushing down his rider, and breaking his sword as he fell amid the broken ranks of the enemy. Lieutenant Moore speedily extricated himself, and attempted with his broken sword to force his way through the press, but he would assuredly have lost his life had not the gallant young Lieutenant Malcolmson, observing his peril, fought his way to his dismounted comrade through a crowd of enemies, to his rescue, and giving him his stirrup, safely carried him through everything out of the throng. The thoughtfulness for others, cool determination, devoted courage, and ready activity shewn in extreme danger by this young Officer, Lieutenant Malcolmson, appear to have been most admirable, and to be worthy of the highest honour.