

*War-Office, November 18, 1857.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her intention to confer the Decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officers and Non-Commissioned Officer of Her Majesty's Army, who have been recommended to Her Majesty for that Decoration,—in accordance with the rules laid down in Her Majesty's Warrant of the 29th January, 1856,—on account of Acts of Bravery performed by them before the enemy during the late War, as recorded against their several names, viz.:

Regiment.	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
17th Lancers ...	Quartermaster Serjeant John Farrell ... .. Date of Act of Bravery, 25th October, 1854	For having remained, amidst a shower of shot and shell, with Captain Webb, who was severely wounded, and whom he and Serjeant-Major Berryman had carried as far as the pain of his wounds would allow, until a stretcher was procured, when he assisted the Serjeant-Major and a private of the 13th Dragoons (Malone), to carry that officer off the field. This took place on the 25th October, 1854, after the charge at the battle of Balaklava, in which Farrell's horse was killed under him.
Military Train, 5th Battalion (late Ser- jeant, Royal Artillery)	Lieutenant George Symons ... .. Date of Act of Bravery, 18th October, 1854	For conspicuous gallantry on the 18th October, 1854, in having volunteered to unmask the embrasures of a five-gun battery in the advanced Right Attack, and when so employed, under a terrific fire, which the enemy commenced immediately on the opening of the first embrasure, and increased on the unmasking of each additional one; in having overcome the great difficulty of uncovering the last, by boldly mounting the parapet, and throwing down the sand-bags, when a shell from the enemy burst, and wounded him severely.
Military Train, 3rd Battalion (late Ser- jeant, Scots Fusilier Guards)	Ensign and Adjutant James Craig ... .. Date of Act of Bravery, 6th September, 1855	For having volunteered, and personally collected other volunteers, to go out under a heavy fire of grape and small arms, on the night of the 6th September, 1855, when in the right advanced sap, in front of the Redan, to look for Captain Buckley, Scots Fusilier Guards, who was supposed to be wounded. Serjeant Craig brought in, with the assistance of a Drummer, the body of that Officer, whom he found dead,—in the performance of which act he was wounded.
23rd Regiment ...	Assistant-Surgeon William Henry Thomas Sylvester Date of Act of Bravery, 8th September, 1855	For going out, on the 8th September, 1855, under a heavy fire, in front of the fifth parallel, Right Attack, to a spot near the Redan, where Lieutenant and Adjutant Dyneley was lying, mortally wounded, and for dressing his wounds in that dangerous and exposed situation. N.B.—This officer was mentioned, in General Sir James Simpson's Despatch of the 18th September, 1855, for his courage in going to the front, under a heavy fire, to assist the wounded.