

War-Office, 15th January, 1858.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned Officers and Men 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 of January, 1856, 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.
78th Regiment ...	Lieutenant Joseph P. H. Crowe ... now Captain, 10th Regiment	For being the first to enter the redoubt at Bourzekee Chowkee, the entrenched village in front of the Bushrut-gunge, on the 12th of August. (Telegram from the late Major-General Sir Henry Havelock to the Commander-in-Chief in India, dated, Cawnpore, 18th August, 1857.)
10th Regiment ...	Lieutenant Henry Marshman Havelock now Captain, 18th Regiment	<p>"In the combat at Cawnpore, Lieutenant Havelock was my Aide-de-camp. The 64th Regiment had been much under artillery fire, from which it had severely suffered. The whole of the infantry were lying down in line, when, perceiving that the enemy had brought out the last reserved gun, a 24-pounder, and were rallying round it, I called up the regiment to rise and advance. Without any other word from me, Lieutenant Havelock placed himself on his horse, in front of the centre of the 64th, opposite the muzzle of the gun. Major Stirling, commanding the regiment, was in front, dismounted, but the Lieutenant continued to move steadily on in front of the regiment at a foot pace, on his horse. The gun discharged shot until the troops were within a short distance, when they fired grape. In went the corps, led by the Lieutenant, who still steered steadily on the gun's muzzle until it was mastered by a rush of the 64th."</p> <p>(Extract of a telegram from the late Major-General Sir Henry Havelock to the Commander-in-Chief in India, dated Cawnpore, August 18th, 1857.)</p>
9th Lancers ...	Privates Thomas Hancock and John Purcell	<p>"The guns, I am happy to say, were saved, but a waggon of Major Scott's battery was blown up. I must not fail to mention the excellent conduct of a Sowar of the 4th Irregular Cavalry, and two men of the 9th Lancers, Privates Thomas Hancock and John Purcell, who, when my horse was shot down, remained by me throughout. One of these men and the Sowar offered me their horses, and I was dragged out by the Sowar's horse. Private Hancock was severely wounded, and Private Purcell's horse was killed under him. The Sowar's name is Roopur Khan."</p> <p>(Extract of a letter from Brigadier J. H. Grant, C.B., Commanding Cavalry Brigade of the Field Force, to the Deputy Assistant-Adjutant-General of Division. Dated Camp, Delhi, June 22, 1857.)</p>