

It is particularly requested, that in every case the names be *very distinctly written* upon the cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to The Queen.

The state apartments will not be open for the reception of Company coming to Court, until half-past one o'clock.

ADDRESSES.

Notice is hereby given, that all persons having petitions or addresses to present to Her Majesty at the Levees are to send a card having on it their names, a statement of the object of such Petitions or Addresses, and the names of the

persons from whom they come, to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, *before twelve o'clock* on the day but one *previous* to the Levee; and that two other cards, having on them precisely what is written upon that sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, are to be taken to the Levee; one of the two cards to be delivered to the Page in the Corridor, and the other to the Lord Chamberlain, who will read its contents to the Queen; and, on these occasions, no other statement is to be addressed to Her Majesty.

A Deputation to present an Address is not to exceed four persons.

DE LA WARR, Lord Chamberlain.

War-Office, 24th April, 1858.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the Decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men of Her Majesty's and of the East India Company's Armies, who have been recommended to Her Majesty for that Decoration, in accordance with the rules laid down in Her Majesty's Warrant instituting the same, on account of Acts of Bravery performed by them in India, as recorded against their several names; viz.:

Regiment or Corps.	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
Bengal Artillery ...	Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Tombs, C.B., and Lieutenant James Hills Date of Act of Bravery, 9th July, 1857	For very gallant conduct on the part of Lieutenant Hills before Delhi, in defending the position assigned to him in case of alarm, and for noble behaviour on the part of Lieutenant-Colonel Tombs in twice coming to his subaltern's rescue, and on each occasion killing his man. (See despatch of Lieutenant-Colonel Mackenzie, Commanding 1st Brigade Horse Artillery, dated Camp, near Delhi, 10th July, 1857, published in the Supplement to the London Gazette of the 16th January, 1858.)
24th Bombay Native Infantry	Lieutenant William Alexander Kerr Date of Act of Bravery, 10th July, 1857	On the breaking out of a mutiny in the 27th Bombay Native Infantry in July, 1857, a party of the mutineers took up a position in the stronghold, or paga, near the town of Kolapore, and defended themselves to extremity. "Lieutenant Kerr, of the Southern "Mahratta Irregular Horse, took a prominent "share of the attack on the position, and at "the moment when its capture was of great "public importance, he made a dash at one of "the gateways, with some dismounted horse- "men, and forced an entrance by breaking "down the gate. The attack was completely "successful, and the defenders were either "killed, wounded, or captured, a result that "may with perfect justice be attributed to "Lieutenant Kerr's dashing and devoted "bravery." (Letter from the Political Superintendent at Kolapore, to the Adjutant-General of the Army, dated 10th September, 1857.)