

War-Office, February 1, 1859.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the Decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officer and Seaman of Her Majesty's Navy, who have been recommended to Her Majesty for that decoration for their gallantry whilst serving in the Naval Brigade in India under the orders of the late Captain William Peel, K.C.B., viz.:—

Corps.	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
Naval Brigade...	Lieutenant (now Commander) Thomas James Young William Hall, A.B. Date of Act of Bravery, 16th November, 1857	Lieutenant (now Commander) Young, late Gunnery Officer of Her Majesty's ship "Shannon," and William Hall, "Captain of the Foretop," of that Vessel, were recommended by the late Captain Peel for the Victoria Cross, for their gallant conduct at a 24-Pounder Gun, brought up to the angle of the Shah Nujiff, at Lucknow, on the 16th of November, 1857.

Foreign-Office, January 29, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Don Emilio Lynch as Consul at Sydney for the Republic of Chili.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Don Antonio Maria de Cea as Vice-Consul at Cardiff for Her Majesty the Queen of Spain.

India Office, January 31, 1859.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to nominate and appoint Sir Charles Edward Trevelyan, K.C.B., to be Governor of the Presidency of Madras.

*War-Office, Pall-Mall,
1st February, 1859.*

Royal Regiment of Artillery, Lieutenant-General Alexander Cavalie Mercer to be Colonel-Commandant, vice General Brough, deceased. Dated 16th January, 1859.

Second Captain William Lambert Yonge, from the Supernumerary List, to be Second Captain, vice Dames, placed upon the Supernumerary List. Dated 7th January, 1859.

Rifle Brigade. The first Christian name of Ensign Smith is *Walter*, not *William*, as stated in the Gazette of the 28th January, 1859.

STAFF.

Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. Hallewell, upon half-pay Unattached, to be Deputy-Quartermaster-General to the Forces serving in Malta, vice Pocklington, who resigns that appointment. Dated 1st February, 1859.

Commission signed by the Queen.

Forfar and Kincardine Regiment of Militia Artillery.

John Barclay, Esq., to be Paymaster from 21st December, 1858. Dated 6th January, 1859.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, or in respect of, letters transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made and powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for the purpose of facilitating the transmission of such letters by the post.

And whereas by another Act of Parliament, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post-office," further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for the purposes aforesaid, and it was amongst other things provided, that the Postmaster-General might, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, require the postage (British, colonial, or foreign) of any letters sent by the post to be prepaid, either in money or stamps (as he might think fit), on the same being put into the Post-office, and he might also with such consent, abolish or restrict the prepayment in money, of postage on letters sent by the post, either altogether, or on certain letters, and might require the prepayment thereof to be in stamps, and might refuse to receive or send by the post, any letters tendered contrary to any regulations made under that enactment. And further, that it should be lawful for the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the Post-office, to detain any letters which should be posted or sent by the post, contrary to the regulations of the said now reciting Act, or the said hereinbefore recited Act, or contrary to any regulations made under the authority of the said now reciting Act, or the said hereinbefore recited Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant, which should be issued under or by virtue of the said now reciting Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the said hereinbefore recited Act, and to open such letters, and either to return them to the senders thereof, or to forward them to the