

Act passed on the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, intituled "An Act for carrying into execution in Antigua the West Indian Incumbered Estates Acts, 1854, 1858, 1862," has made provision for the payment in that colony of such salaries and other expenses as required by the said Act of 1854, to the satisfaction of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies:

It is, therefore, hereby ordered, by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that the said West Indian Incumbered Estates Acts, 1854, 1858, 1862, 1864, and all other Acts for continuing or amending the same, shall, from the date of this Order in Council, come into operation in Antigua.

And the Right Honourable Edward Cardwell, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions accordingly.

Edmund Harrison.

Windsor Castle, November 1, 1864.

This day had audience of Her Majesty:—

Señor Don Francisco Arrangoiz, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Emperor of Mexico, to deliver his credentials, and also a letter from His Imperial Majesty;

To which audience he was introduced by Earl Russell, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

War Office, November 3, 1864.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of Colonel Henry Harpur Greer, of the 68th Regiment, to be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

MEMORANDUM.

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Jackson Parkin Booth, of the 43rd Regiment, would have been recommended to Her Majesty for the distinction of Companion of the Military Division of the Order of the Bath, had he survived the operations in which he was engaged in New Zealand.

War Office, November 4, 1864.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of Charles Burslem Saunders, Esq., and Sir Theophilus John Metcalfe, Bart., of the Bengal Civil Service, to be Ordinary Members of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

War Office, November 4, 1864.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the under-mentioned Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer of Her Majesty's Army, whose claims to the same have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, on account of Acts of Bravery performed by them in New Zealand, as stated against their names; viz:

Regiment.	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
43rd Regiment ...	Captain Frederick Augustus Smith Date of Act of Bravery, June 21st, 1864.	For his distinguished conduct during the engagement at Tauranga, on the 21st of June. He is stated to have led on his Company in the most gallant manner at the attack on the Maorics' position, and, although wounded previously to reaching the Rifle Pits, to have jumped down into them, where he commenced a hand to hand encounter with the Enemy, thereby giving his men great encouragement, and setting them a fine example.
68th Regiment ...	2918 Serjeant John Murray Date of Act of Bravery, June 21st, 1864.	For his distinguished conduct during the engagement at Tauranga, on the 21st of June, when the Enemy's position was being stormed, in running up to a Rifle Pit containing from eight to ten of the enemy, and, without any assistance, killing or wounding every one of them. He is stated to have afterwards proceeded up the works, fighting desperately, and still continuing to bayonet the Enemy.