

**A**T the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 25th day of January, 1867.

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

PRESENT,

Lord President.  
Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart.  
Mr. Waddington.

**W**HEREAS by an Order in Council dated the 19th day of July, 1825, under the authority of an Act of Parliament of the sixth year of King George the Fourth, chapter seventy-eight, it was, amongst other things, provided, that the medical attendant and superintendent, or his assistant, or any other person duly authorised by an Order in Council, may go on board any vessel under quarantine without such medical attendant or superintendent, or his assistant, being in any way subject to the restraint of quarantine;

And whereas by an Act of Parliament, duly made and passed in the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter ninety, it was, amongst other things, provided, that every vessel having on board any person affected with a dangerous or infectious disorder, should be deemed to be within the provisions of the said Act of the sixth year of King George the Fourth, chapter seventy-eight, although such vessel had not commenced her voyage, or had come from or was bound for some place in the United Kingdom; and the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or any three or more of them (the Lord President of the Council or one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State being one), might, by Order or Orders to be by them from time to time made, make such rules, orders, and regulations as to them should seem fit, as therein mentioned; and such Orders should be binding and be carried into effect as soon as the same shall have been published, as therein mentioned, or at such other time as shall be fixed by such Orders:

And whereas the vessels called called "La Plata," "Æolus," and "Menelaus" are now under quarantine at the Motherbank, off the Isle of Wight, and it is considered by the said Lords expedient that Doctor Edward Seaton should be permitted to go on board the said vessel without being in any way subject to the restraint of quarantine: Now, therefore, the said Lords have ordered, and do hereby order, that the said Doctor Edward Seaton shall be at liberty to go on board, and he is hereby authorized and permitted to go on board the said vessels now under quarantine as aforesaid, without being in any way subject to the restraint of quarantine. And this Order shall be binding, and have immediate effect from the date thereof, and shall be carried, or permitted to be carried, into execution immediately by all whom it may concern.

*Edmund Harrison.*

War Office, January 25, 1867.

**T**HE Queen has been pleased, by an instrument under Her Royal Sign Manual, of which the following is a copy, to direct that the decoration of the Victoria Cross may be conferred on persons serving in the Local Forces of the Colony of New Zealand, or who may hereafter be employed in the Local Forces raised, or which may be raised, in the Colonies and their dependencies generally.

VICTORIA, R.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith:

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

**W**HEREAS, by a Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and bearing date at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, the twenty-ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, in the nineteenth year of Our reign, We did constitute and create a new Naval and Military decoration, to be styled and designated the Victoria Cross, which decoration We expressed Our desire should be highly prized and eagerly sought after by the Officers and men of Our Naval and Military Services, and did also make, ordain, and establish the rules and ordinances therein set forth for the government of the same, to be thenceforth inviolably observed and kept.

And whereas, during the progress of the operations which We have undertaken against the Insurgent native tribes in Our Colony of New Zealand, it has happened that persons serving in the Local Forces of Our said Colony have performed deeds of gallantry, in consideration of which they are not, according to the strict provisions of Our said recited Warrant, eligible for this high distinction.

Now know ye, that We, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have thought fit hereby to signify Our Royal Will and Pleasure that the said decoration may be conferred on such persons aforesaid, who may be qualified to receive the same in accordance with the rules and ordinances made, ordained, and established by Us for the government thereof, by Our said recited Warrant, and We do by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint that it shall be competent for such persons aforesaid to obtain the said decoration, in the manner set forth in the rules and ordinances referred to, or in accordance with such further rules and ordinances as may hereafter be made and promulgated by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, for the government of the said decoration, provided that it be established in any case that the person was serving with Our Troops, under the orders of a General or other Officer, under circumstances which would entitle an Officer or Soldier of Our Army to be recommended for the said decoration, in accordance with the rules and ordinances prescribed in Our said recited Warrant, and provided also that such person shall be recommended for it by such General or other Officer.

And We do further, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, ordain and appoint that the said decoration may also be conferred, in accordance with the rules and ordinances prescribed in Our said recited Warrant, and subject to the provisions aforesaid, on such persons as may be