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War Office, November 20, 1874.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officer, whose claim to the same has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his gallant and distinguished conduct during the late Ashanti War, as recorded against his name, viz. :—

Corps.	Rank and Name.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
Royal Engineers ...	Lieutenant (now Captain) Mark Sever Bell ...	For his distinguished bravery, and zealous, resolute, and self-devoted conduct at the battle of Ordahsu, on the 4th February, 1874, whilst serving under the immediate orders of Colonel Sir John Chetham McLeod, K.C.B., of the 42nd Regiment, who commanded the Advanced Guard. Sir John McLeod was an eye witness of his gallant and distinguished conduct on the occasion, and considers that this Officer's fearless and resolute bearing, being always in the front, urging on and encouraging an unarmed working party of Fantee labourers, who were exposed not only to the fire of the Enemy, but to the wild and irregular fire of the Native Troops in the rear, contributed very materially to the success of the day. By his example, he made these men do what no European party was ever required to do in warfare, namely, to work under fire in the face of the Enemy without a covering party.

Crown Office, November 16, 1874.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Wenlock.

Cecil Theodore Weld Forester, of Gedling Rectory, in the county of Nottingham, in the place of the Right Honourable George Cecil Weld Forester, now a Peer of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

(S. & C. 1837.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,  
November 18, 1874.

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch

from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid, reporting that by a Decree of the Spanish Government, published in the Madrid Gazette, a war tax of 5 centimes of a peseta per ton of 1000 kilogrammes has been imposed on all ores, whether for preparation in Spain or for exportation to foreign countries.

(S. & C. 1839.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,  
November 18, 1874.

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of an Order issued by the Spanish Government on the 14th ultimo, exempting vessels taking in cargoes of salt at the ports of Spain from the loading duty specified in Article 11 of the Decree of the 26th June last.