

War Office, June 10, 1879.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officer of Her Majesty's Army, whose claim has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his gallant conduct in rescuing a mounted Sowar of the 13th Bengal Lancers, on the 31st January, 1879, as recorded in the accompanying statement :—

| Regiment.           | Name.                          | Act of Courage for which recommended.  |
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| Royal Engineers ... | Lieutenant Reginald Clare Hart | For his gallant conduct in risking his own life in endeavouring to save the life of a private soldier. The Lieutenant-General commanding the 2nd Division Peshawar Field Force, reports that when on convoy duty with that Force on 31st January, 1879, Lieutenant Hart, of the Royal Engineers, took the initiative in running some 1,200 yards to the rescue of a wounded Sowar of the 13th Bengal Lancers in a river bed exposed to the fire of the enemy, of unknown strength, from both flanks, and also from a party in the river bed. Lieutenant Hart reached the wounded Sowar, drove off the enemy, and brought him under cover with the aid of some soldiers who accompanied him on the way. |

(H. 4196.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
Whitehall Gardens, June 7, 1879.*

THE Board of Trade have received from Her Majesty's Consul at Galatz a copy of a Notice respecting pilotage charges in the Danube, of which the following is a translation :—

**NOTICE TO MARINERS.**

THE European Commission of the Danube think it necessary to remind masters of vessels coming down the Danube to the sea that the charge for pilotage on the river is fixed by Article 87 of the Rules relating to Navigation and Police dated November 10, 1875; that the payment of that charge can only be made on leaving the river; that the master is not right in making an advance of more than one half of the said charge to the pilot, and that the final payment is not valid if it has not been made at the Navigation Office at Soulina where alone a receipt for the whole charge can be given.

Masters are hereby informed that the above regulations will be strictly enforced in future.

**THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION OF  
THE DANUBE.**

Galatz, May 16, 1879.

(H. 4312).

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
Whitehall Gardens, June 9, 1879.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Copenhagen, reporting that all arrivals from Russia and Finland are now admitted to free pratique in Danish ports.

*Admiralty, 6th June, 1879.*

Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets on the Retired List Henry Jones Domville, C.B., M.D., to be Honorary Surgeon to Her Majesty, vice Dr. Mackay, deceased.

*Admiralty, 7th June, 1879.*

Engineer John Leigh has been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 3rd instant.

Surgeon Robert Grant, M.A., M.B., has this day been promoted to the rank of Staff Surgeon in Her Majesty's Fleet.

*War Office, Pall Mall,*

*10th June, 1879.*

*Royal Engineers, Major Edward Donald Malcolm to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Brevet-Colonel P. H. Scratchley, C.M.G., placed upon the Temporary Reserve List. Dated 11th June, 1879.*

The retirement of Major W. M. T. Campbell, receiving a gratuity, as notified in the Gazette of 14th January, 1879, is cancelled.

Major W. M. T. Campbell, whose retirement has been cancelled, to be Major, dated 15th January, 1879, such antedate not to carry pay prior to the date of Major Malcolm's promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 11th June, 1879.

Captain Robert Athorpe to be Major, vice Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel C. Warren, C.M.G., placed upon the Temporary Reserve List. Dated 11th June, 1879.

Lieutenant William Edwin Llewellyn Morgan to be Captain, vice R. Athorpe. Dated 11th June, 1879.

Lieutenant Charles Frederic Call to be Captain, vice S. Buckle, placed upon the Temporary Reserve List. Dated 11th June, 1879.

Lieutenant John Collings MacGregor resigns the Adjutancy of the Royal Engineer Troops. Dated 29th March, 1879.

*Commissariat and Transport Department, The undermentioned Officers to be granted retired pay on reorganization of the Department, viz. :—*

Commissary-General George Whittaker Mellish. Dated 1st June, 1879.

Commissary-General William Fryer. Dated 1st June, 1879.