

longer; but that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty the Queen from time to time with the advice of Her Privy Council on the application of the Commissioners to continue the powers of the Commissioners for such time as Her Majesty thinks fit, but not beyond the end of the year 1881.

And whereas it is deemed expedient that the powers vested in the University of Oxford Commissioners should be continued beyond the 31st day of December, 1880.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and in pursuance of the provisions of the said Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, is pleased to continue the powers of the University of Oxford Commissioners until the 31st day of December, 1881.

*C. L. Peel.*

**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 24th day of *March*, 1880.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 19th of *March*, 1880, in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas your Majesty was graciously pleased by your Order in Council of the 22nd *February*, 1870, Sec. II. Par. 6, to make the following provision as regards officers of your Majesty's Navy accepting the Regulations then established, viz. :—

‘Captains retired from that rank to be entitled to rise by seniority to the rank of Retired Rear-Admiral if before retirement they had served the time to qualify them for promotion.’

“thus restricting the award of Retired Flag Rank to officers qualified for their Active Flag, and whereas under your Majesty's subsequent Order in Council of the 5th *August*, 1875, all Captains retired from that rank have become entitled to one step in rank, by seniority, irrespective of service, the distinction between officers qualified and not qualified for promotion being thereby abolished; We would humbly represent to your Majesty that we consider the distinction reasonable, and we are of opinion that it is

expedient to grant to Captains qualified for promotion a concession proportionate to that conferred by your Majesty's Order in Council of 5th *August* 1875 on unqualified officers.

“We would therefore humbly submit that your Majesty will be pleased to sanction the following provisions, viz. :—

“1. Captains who have been or may be retired from that rank (unless retired on account of non-service) to be allowed to rise to the rank of Vice-Admiral on the Retired List if before retirement they had or shall have served the time necessary to qualify a Captain for promotion to the rank of Rear-Admiral on the Active List.

“2. Such advancement to be conferred according to seniority, any officer hereby qualified for Vice-Admiral's rank, and who has been debarred from rising above the rank of Rear-Admiral by the restrictions of the Order in Council of the 22nd *February*, 1870, to date his promotion to Vice-Admiral from the day on which he would have been promoted had such restrictions not been in operation.

“3. Promotion not to confer claim to increase of Retired Pay.”

Her Majesty having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*C. L. Peel.*

*Whitehall, April 10, 1880.*

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto *George Clement Bertram, Esq., Barrister-at-Law*, the office and place of Procurator-General in the Island of *Jersey*, in the room of *Robert Pipon Marett, Esq.*, promoted to the office of Bailiff of the Island of *Jersey*.

*Whitehall, April 12, 1880.*

THE Queen has been pleased to order a Writ to be issued under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for summoning *William Archer Amherst, Esq.* (commonly called *Viscount Holmesdale*), to the House of Peers, by the name, style, and title of *Baron Amherst, of Montreal*, in the county of *Kent*.

*War Office, April 12, 1880.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon the undermentioned Soldier of Her Majesty's Army, whose claims has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his meritorious conduct at *Moirosi's Mountain* on the 8th *April*, 1879, as recorded against his name :—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
Cape Mounted Rifles	Trooper Peter Brown	Trooper Peter Brown, during the assault on <i>Moirosi's Mountain</i> on 8th <i>April</i> , 1879, whilst lying under cover waiting for the order to recommence the advance, heard two men, who had been wounded some time before, crying out for water. Trooper Brown carried a water-bottle to these men, under a heavy fire, to an adjacent rock to which they had crept for shelter. Whilst giving the first man water he was wounded severely in the right thigh, and immediately afterwards a bullet shattered his right arm, the use of which he has never recovered.