

War Office, June 27, 1881.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon the undermentioned Officer, whose claim has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his conspicuous bravery in South Africa, as recorded against his name:—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
1st Regiment Cape Mounted Yeomanry	Surgeon John Frederick McCrea	For his conspicuous bravery during the severely contested engagement with the Basutos on the 14th January, 1881, at Tweesfontein, near Thaba Tsien, when, after the enemy had charged the Burghers in the most determined manner, forcing them to retire with a loss of sixteen killed and twenty-one wounded, Surgeon McCrea went out for some distance, under a heavy fire, and, with the assistance of Captain Buxton of the Mafeteng Contingent, conveyed a wounded Burgher named Aircamp to the shelter of a large ant-heap, and having placed him in a position of safety returned to the Ambulance for a stretcher. Whilst on his way thither Surgeon McCrea was severely wounded in the right breast by a bullet, notwithstanding which, he continued to perform his duties at the Ambulance, and again assisted to bring in several wounded men, continuing afterwards to attend the wounded during the remainder of the day, and scarcely taking time to dress his own wound, which he was obliged to do himself, there being no other Medical Officer in the Field. Had it not been for this gallantry and devotion to his duty on the part of Surgeon McCrea, the sufferings of the wounded would undoubtedly have been much aggravated, and greater loss of life might very probably have ensued.

St. James's Palace, June 27, 1881.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Charles Robert, Lord Carrington to be Captain of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, in the room of Charles, Marquis of Huntly, resigned.

Foreign Office, June 17, 1881.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Edmund Douglas Veitch Fane, Esq., now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Copenhagen, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Madrid.

Westminster, June 27, 1881.

THIS day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Act, 1881.

An Act to appoint Additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax and other Rates and Taxes.

Tramways (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1881.

Petty Sessions Clerks (Ireland) Act, 1881.
 Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Berwick-upon-Tweed, &c.) Act, 1881.
 Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Poor Law, No. 2) Act, 1881.
 Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brentford Union, &c.) Act, 1881.
 Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Clay Lane) Act, 1881.
 Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (Bandon, &c.) Act, 1881.
 Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Halifax, &c.) Act, 1881.
 Local Government Board's (Gas) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1881.
 Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (Birmingham) Act, 1881.
 Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (Ballymena, &c.) Act, 1881.
 Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Cottingham, &c.) Act, 1881.
 Irvine Burgh Act, 1881.
 Leicester Improvement Act, 1881.
 Aberdeen Corporation Act, 1881.
 Cheltenham Corporation Water Act, 1881.
 Dudley Gas Act, 1881.
 Matlock Waterworks Act, 1881.
 Ryton (Parish) Local Board (Water) Act, 1881.
 Cleator Moor Local Board Act, 1881.
 Glencairn Railway (Abandonment) Act, 1881.
 Goole and District Gas and Water Act, 1881.
 West Ham Local Board Extension of Powers Act, 1881.
 Moffat Railway Act, 1881.
 Colne and Marsden Local Board Act, 1881.
 Bingley Water and Improvement Act, 1881.
 Burntisland Harbour Act, 1881.