

War Office, 15th September, 1882.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon the undermentioned Warrant Officer of the Royal Navy, whose claim has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for an act of gallant conduct performed by him during the Naval Attack, of 11th July last, on the batteries of Alexandria, in Egypt, as recorded against his name :—

Name and Rank.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
Mr. Israel Harding, Gunner, of Her Majesty's Ship "Alexandra"	At about nine o'clock, on the morning of the 11th July, whilst Her Majesty's Ship "Alexandra" was engaging the Forts at Alexandria, a 10-inch spherical shell passed through the ship's side and lodged on the main deck. Mr. Harding hearing the shout "there is a live shell just above the hatchway," rushed up the ladder from below, and, observing that the fuze was burning, took some water from a tub standing near, and threw it over the projectile, then picked up the shell and put it into the tub. Had the shell burst, it would probably have destroyed many lives.

(H. 7026.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, September 14, 1882.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul-General at Odessa, enclosing a copy of the regulations respecting the Belogrudovsky Channel at the mouth of the Dnieper, of which the following is a translation, viz :—

REGULATIONS respecting the obligatory towing of vessels through the Belogrudovsky Channel, mouth of the Dnieper.

1. All decked sailing vessels desirous of passing down the Belogrudovsky Channel must let go their anchor before crossing the bar, near the Pilot's office, in such a manner, as not to block up the fair way. Vessels coming up from the Liman (estuary) must remain at anchor near the entrance. In both cases the vessels will hoist a flag at their foremast head, upon which the tug-steamers "Dnieper" will take them in tow, for which service Rs. 1 per 1,000 poods of cargo is charged. Empty vessels will pay 25 copecks per 1,000 poods burthen.

N.B.—Vessels going by the Zcurievsky Channel are forbidden to anchor at the point where the two channels Zcurievsky and Belogrudovsky intersect.

2. The Kherson town steamer "Dnieper" and steamers belonging to private individuals are not allowed to tow more than two vessels, one behind the other, at a time.

3. Vessels taken through the channel may draw according to the depth of water there, but not more than 12 feet; vessels drawing more than 12 feet are not allowed to pass through the channel.

N.B. All vessels must have their draft in feet marked on their sternpost and cutwater. The depth of water in the channel will be shown on the pilot office mast.

4. All shipowners and skippers must hand over to the Superintendent Pilot the manifests of their cargo on Government forms, which are delivered by the Chief of the 2nd Section of the Kieff District of Ways of Communication, who has an office at Kherson.

N.B. These Government manifests certify that the $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the value of the cargo river-dues for improving the navigation of rivers has been paid, otherwise the vessel will not be allowed to proceed.

5. Parties infringing the above regulations are

liable to be punished according to Articles 77 and 87, Justices of Peace Code of Punishments.

Lieutenant-Captain JOURKOVSKY,
Superintendent of the River Police Pilot
Post at the Dnieper Bar.

Kherson, 11-23 August, 1882.

The Board of Trade are informed that there is some reason to doubt there being so much as 12 feet of water over the bar at Kherson.

(H. 7082.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, September 14, 1882.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Notice issued by the Spanish Government, intimating that in consequence of cholera at Manila, all arrivals from thence will be subjected to ten days' quarantine, which is to be increased to fifteen days in the event of any case of cholera occurring on board during the voyage.

(H. 7086.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, September 14, 1882.*

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 Jeddah, intimating that all vessels arriving from British India, Calcutta excepted, not laden with pilgrims are admitted to pratique in the Ottoman Ports of the Red Sea and Persian Gulf, but that all vessels, without exception, freighted with pilgrims coming from beyond the Straits of Babel-Mandeb are to undergo five days' quarantine at Cameran.

Admiralty, 11th September, 1882.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Lieutenant Charles Horace Edge has been permitted to resign his Commission. Dated 8th September, 1882.

Admiralty, 12th September, 1882.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 1st April, 1881—

Fleet Surgeon George Moore, M.D., has been placed on the Retired List from the 13th instant, with permission to assume the rank and title of Retired Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets.

The following Staff Surgeons have been pro-