

War Office, February 13, 1883.

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 during the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, in Egypt, on the 13th September last, as recorded against his name:—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
2nd Battalion the Highland Light Infantry	Lieutenant William Mordaunt Marsh Edwards	For the conspicuous bravery displayed by him during the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, on the 13th September, 1882, in leading a party of the Highland Light Infantry to storm a redoubt. Lieutenant Edwards (who was in advance of his party) with great gallantry rushed alone into the battery, killed the Artillery Officer in charge, and was himself knocked down by a gunner with a rammer, and only rescued by the timely arrival of three men of his Regiment.

Foreign Office, February 12, 1883.

THE following announcement relative to Tenders in connexion with the construction of the Railway from the Portuguese Frontier to Salamanca has been received from Her Majesty's Minister at Lisbon:—

(Translation.)

RAILWAYS FROM SALAMANCA TO THE PORTUGUESE FRONTIER.

Tenders solicited for the supply of rails and about 630 tons of fittings for the same.

Rails.

The rails which form this supply are to be of Bessemer steel, of the Vignole pattern, to weigh 30 kilograms (= 2 qrs. 10·139 lbs.) per metre of length, with a normal length of 8 metres (= 32 ft. 9·708 inches) per rail.

The price to be calculated per ton of 1,000

kilos. (= 19 cwts. 2 qrs. 20·622 lbs.), delivered free on board in a continental port. 1,500 tons of the amount of the order of rails to be delivered with notches made every 0·70 m. to 0·70 m. (= 27·559 inches), except the notches at the ends, which are to be at distances of 0·15 m. (= 5·906 inches) from the ends of the rails.

The 11,000 tons of rails are to be delivered at the following dates:—

The first thousand tons to be delivered at the end of July.

The rest by equal monthly deliveries up to the end of March, 1885.

The 1,500 notched rails to be included in three equal portions in the three last deliveries.

Rail Fittings.

The fittings, which also form part of the present demand, are divided as indicated in the following Table:—

Description.	Quantity.	Weight per Piece.	Total.
Fish plates, with grooves	4,000	kilos. 3·500	Tons. 161
Joining plates of wrought iron (plaques de jointe en fer fort)	42,000	1·500	63
Bolts, with washers	184,000	0·400	73·60
Galvanized wood screws for rails	920,000	0·320	294·40
Cramps	145,000	0·250	36·25
Total weight	628·25

The price of the fittings is per ton of 1,000 kilos., in the proportions shown in the above Table, delivered free on board at a port of the Continent.

The rails to be delivered at the times above stated; the fittings to correspond with the said deliveries per complete set of fittings, and under the same conditions.

The drawings and the schedule of the clauses and conditions for carrying out the contract lie at the office of the line, at Lisbon, and copies of them will be sent on request being made for the same.

The tenders will be accepted till the 20th of February, at Lisbon, and are to be addressed to the Concessionaires de la Ligne de Salamanca à la Frontière Portugaise, 7, Rua Nova da Trindade, à Lisbonne.

Admiralty, 9th February, 1883.

Staff Surgeon Robert James McMorris has been promoted to the rank of Fleet Surgeon in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 5th February, 1883.

*War Office, Pall Mall,**13th February, 1883.*

6th Dragoons, Lieutenant-Colonel Francis G. S. Curtis has been appointed to command the Regiment. Dated 23rd January, 1883.

Major William Ward Bennitt to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Colonel E. A. Gore, placed on half-pay. Dated 23rd January, 1883.

Captain Alexander Chalmers McKean to be Major, vice W. W. Bennitt. Dated 23rd January, 1883.