

War Office, July 12, 1892.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon the undermentioned Officers of Her Majesty's Army, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for the conspicuous bravery displayed by them during the recent operations in the Hunza and Nagar Country on the Gilgit frontier in December, 1891, as recorded against their names :—

Corps.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
Royal Engineers...	Captain Fenton John Aylmer	For his conspicuous bravery in the assault and capture of the Nilt Fort, on 2nd December, 1891. This Officer accompanied the storming party, burst open the inner gate with gun-cotton, which he placed and ignited, and though severely wounded, once in the leg and twice in the right hand, fired nineteen shots with his revolver, killing several of the enemy, and remained fighting, until fainting from loss of blood he was carried out of action.
Indian Staff Corps	Lieutenant Guy Hudleston Bois- ragon	For his conspicuous bravery in the assault and capture of the Nilt Fort on 2nd December, 1891. This Officer led the assault with dash and determination, and forced his way through difficult obstacles to the inner gate, when he returned for reinforcements, moving intrepidly to and fro under a heavy cross-fire until he had collected sufficient men to relieve the hardly pressed storming party and drive the enemy from the fort.
Indian Staff Corps	Lieutenant John Manners Smith	For his conspicuous bravery when leading the storming party at the attack and capture of the strong position occupied by the enemy near Nilt, in the Hunza-Nagar Country, on the 20th December, 1891. The position was, owing to the nature of the country, an extremely strong one, and had barred the advance of the force for seventeen days. It was eventually forced by a small party of 50 rifles, with another of equal strength in support. The first of these parties was under the command of Lieutenant Smith, and it was entirely owing to his splendid leading, and the coolness, combined with dash, he displayed while doing so, that a success was obtained. For nearly four hours, on the face of a cliff which was almost precipitous, he steadily moved his handful of men from point to point, as the difficulties of the ground and showers of stones from above gave him an opportunity, and during the whole of this time he was in such a position as to be unable to defend himself from any attack the enemy might choose to make. He was the first man to reach the summit, within a few yards of one of the enemy's sungars, which was immediately rushed, Lieutenant Smith pistolling the first man.

Downing Street, July 9, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Francis Voley Pougnet, Esq., M.D., to be a Member of the Council of Government of the Colony of Mauritius.

Whitehall, July 4, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto George William Bateson-de Yarburgh, Baron Deramore, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may discontinue to use the surname of Bateson before that of de Yarburgh, and that he and they may assume, take, and use the surname of Bateson in addition to and after that of de Yarburgh, and bear the arms of Bateson (in the first quarter) quarterly with those of Yarburgh; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's said College of Arms.

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Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, July 8, 1892.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated 7th July, 1892, from Her Majesty's Representative at Bucharest :—
"Following precautionary measures taken by Roumanian Government against cholera.

"1. The ports of Kustendje and Mangalia closed to all arrivals from Russian ports of the Black Sea from Soukum Kale to the Turkish frontier; arrivals from the other ports of the Black Sea will be submitted to sanitary examination in the ports of Kustendje and Mangalia.

"2. Quarantine established at Sulina for all arrivals from Russian ports from Soukum Kale to the Turkish frontier; for all arrivals from other