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War Office, April 20, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officer, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his conspicuous bravery at the battle of Colenso, as stated against his name:—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
Royal Army Medical Corps	Major William Babbie, C.M.G.	At Colenso, on the 15th December, 1899, the wounded of the 14th and 66th Batteries, Royal Field Artillery, were lying in an advanced donga close in the rear of the guns without any Medical Officer to attend to them, and when a message was sent back asking for assistance, Major W. Babbie, R.A.M.C., rode up under a heavy rifle fire, his pony being hit three times. When he arrived at the donga, where the wounded were lying in sheltered corners, he attended to them all, going from place to place exposed to the heavy rifle fire which greeted anyone who showed himself. Later on in the day, Major Babbie went out with Captain Congreve to bring in Lieutenant Roberts, who was lying wounded on the veldt. This also was under a heavy fire.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
April 16, 1900.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that The Queen's Birthday will be celebrated in London alone on Wednesday, the 23rd May next, and at all other Stations, Naval and Military, on Thursday, the 24th May next.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, April 20, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed on and after Tuesday, the 24th instant, until further orders.

Downing Street, April 17, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of the re-appointment of James Montague Bent Vermont, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

Whitehall, April 18, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint the Reverend George Henry Cole Bartley, M.A., to the Living of Saint Peter, Sacriston, in the county and diocese of Durham, void by the cession of the Reverend James McIntosh.

Whitehall, April 18, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 12th instant, to appoint Sir James Gell, First Deemster in the Isle of Man, to be Clerk of the Rolls in the said Island, in the room of Sir Alured Dumbell, deceased.

Whitehall, April 18, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 12th instant, to appoint Abel John Ram, Esq., Q.C., to be Recorder of the Borough of Wolverhampton, in the room of Frederick Albert Bosanquet, Esq., Q.C., resigned.