



India, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Victoria, by a Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Her Principal Secretaries of State, and bearing date at Her Court at Buckingham Palace, the twenty-ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, in the nineteenth year of Her reign, did institute and create a new naval and military decoration, to be styled and designated the "Victoria Cross," which decoration She expressed Her desire should be highly prized and eagerly sought after by the officers and men of Her Naval and Military Services, and did also make, ordain, and establish the rules and ordinances therein set forth for the government of the same, to be thenceforward inviolably observed and kept.

And whereas for divers reasons Us thereunto moving, We are desirous of rewarding the individual gallant services of native officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of Our Indian Army by the bestowal of the said decoration, which We are desirous shall be highly prized and eagerly sought after by the said native officers, non-commissioned officers, and men.

Now know ye that We, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have thought fit hereby to signify Our Royal Will and Pleasure that the said decoration shall be conferred on the native officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of Our Indian Army who may be qualified to receive the same, in accordance with the rules and ordinances made, ordained, and established for the government thereof by the said recited Warrant, and We do by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint that it shall be competent for the native officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of Our Indian Army to obtain the said decoration in the manner set forth in the rules and ordinances referred to, or in accordance with any further rules and ordinances which may hereafter be made and promulgated by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, for the government of the said decoration.

And We do further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint that in place of the special pension conferred by the fourteenth rule of the said recited Warrant, every native officer who shall have received the Cross shall from the date of the act by which such decoration has been gained be entitled to a special pension of five hundred and twenty-five rupees a year, and each additional bar conferred under the fourth rule on such native officer shall carry with it an additional pension of one hundred and fifty rupees a year. In the case of a warrant or non-commissioned officer or soldier the special pension shall be one hundred and fifty rupees, with seventy-five rupees additional for each additional bar. On the death of a recipient of the Cross these pensions shall be continued to his widow until her death or re-marriage.

Given at Our Court at St. James', this 21st day of October, in the second year of Our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

By His Majesty's Command.

HALDANE OF CLOAN.

CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER,
ST. JAMES' PALACE, November 27, 1911.

The King has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Knight Commander.

Major-General James Alexander Bell, Political Resident of Aden, and General Officer Commanding Aden Brigade.

FACTORY DEPARTMENT, HOME OFFICE,
December 11, 1911.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. J. Grant, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Stromness, in the County of Orkney, is vacant.

DOWNING STREET, December 9, 1911.

The King has been pleased to appoint Captain Harry Edward Spiller Cordeaux, C.B., C.M.G., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of St. Helena.

BOARD OF TRADE, WHITEHALL GARDENS,
December 8, 1911.

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Decoration of the Albert Medal of the Second Class upon Mr. Arthur James Dye, Skipper of the Steam Drifter "Marie," of Yarmouth.

The following is an account of the services in respect of which the Decoration has been conferred:—

The Steam Drifter "Marie," when about 65 miles N.E. by N. of Haisborough Lightship, North Sea, at 10 P.M. on the 30th September 1911, shipped a heavy sea, which broke the skylight, flooded the cabin, and extinguished the cabin light. The mate, who was in his berth asleep, was awakened by the sudden inrush of water, and, finding the cabin in darkness, lit a match. Immediately the gas from a tin of carbide of calcium exploded, and the cabin was set on fire.

The Skipper, Arthur James Dye, hurried below from the wheelhouse, seized the burning tin in his hands, and threw it into the galley, from which it was rolled on to the deck. Dye seized it again and tried to push it overboard. It rolled inboard at the first attempt, but he again took hold of it, and ultimately managed to throw it overboard.

In rendering these services Dye's left hand and his face were badly burnt, and on arrival in port he had to receive treatment at the hospital. A gale was blowing at the time, with a heavy sea.