

War Office,

15th March 1918.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officer:—

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Allastair Malcolm Cluny M'Ready-Diarmid (formerly Arthur Malcolm M'Ready-Drew), late Middlesex R.

For most conspicuous bravery and brilliant leadership.

When the enemy penetrated some distance into our position and the situation was extremely critical, Captain M'Ready-Diarmid at once led his company forward through a heavy barrage. He immediately engaged the enemy, with such success that he drove them back at least 300 yards, causing numerous casualties and capturing 27 prisoners.

The following day the enemy again attacked and drove back another company which had lost all its officers. This gallant officer at once called for volunteers and attacked. He drove them back again for 300 yards, with heavy casualties. Throughout this attack Captain M'Ready-Diarmid led the way himself, and it was absolutely and entirely due to his marvellous throwing of bombs that the ground was regained.

His absolute disregard for danger, his cheerfulness and coolness at a most trying time inspired all who saw him.

This most gallant officer was eventually killed by a bomb when the enemy had been driven right back to their original starting point.

Scottish Office, Provisional Order,
April 1918.

Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland)
Act, 1899.

COWDENBEATH WATER.

(Transfer to vesting in and exercise by the Town Council of Cowdenbeath of all or some of the powers conferred upon the Dunfermline District Committee of the County Council of the County of Fife by the Kelty Water Order Confirmation Act, 1896, with respect to the undertaking together with certain Waterworks by that Order authorised; Agreements with County Council of the County of Fife and said District Committee in relation thereto; Application and amendment or repeal of certain provisions of said Act of 1896; Construction of additional Waterworks by Town Council; Power to deviate; Power to renew and improve Waterworks to be transferred and the existing and intended Waterworks; Impounding and abstraction of Waters of Loch Glow and Tributaries thereof; Laying of conduits and mains under and across streets, railways, tramways, etc.; Power to take lands and easements and servitudes over lands; Power to take part only of houses, buildings, manufactories, etc.; Acquisition of mines and minerals under lands; Discharge of water, etc., into streams;

Acquisition of lands and premises and other provisions for prevention of pollution; Pressure of water; Waterworks to be transferred and New Works to be part of water undertaking of Town Council; Provision as to compensation waters; Prescribing and Regulation of water fittings; Power to Town Council to supply fittings; Agreements as to supply of water; Borrowing of money; Water and other Rates and Assessments; Payment of Interest during Construction; Costs of Order; Incorporation and Amendment or Repeal of Acts and Other Purposes.)

NOTICE is hereby given that application is intended to be made to the Secretary for Scotland by the Provost Magistrates and Councillors of the Burgh of Cowdenbeath (hereinafter respectively called "the Town Council" and "the Burgh") under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, in April next for a Provisional Order (hereinafter called "the Order") for all or some of the following amongst other purposes (that is to say):—

1. To transfer to and vest in the Town Council all or some of the powers, rights, privileges and authorities of what nature or kind soever which by the Kelty Water Order Confirmation Act, 1896, (hereinafter called "the Act of 1896") were conferred upon the Dunfermline District Committee of the County Council of the County of Fife (hereinafter called "the District Committee") whether with reference to the purchase and taking of lands houses water rights and other hereditaments the diversion and abstraction of waters the construction and maintenance of waterworks and other works the entering into agreements or otherwise and also to transfer to and vest in the Town Council all or some of the lands and property acquired and all or some of the waterworks and other works executed by the District Committee (which said waterworks are hereinafter referred to as "the waterworks to be transferred") and all or some of the rights obligations claims and demands of and under all or some contracts agreements and managements entered into by the District Committee under or in pursuance of the Act of 1896 upon such terms and conditions and with such modifications as shall be prescribed by the Order and upon such transfer and vesting to authorise the Town Council to exercise and enjoy perform fulfil and discharge all such rights powers privileges authorities benefits claims and demands and to hold and use such lands and works constructed so proposed to be transferred to and vested in them as aforesaid.

2. To authorise the Town Council on the one hand and the County Council of the County of Fife (hereinafter called "the County Council") and the District Committee or either of them on the other hand to enter into and carry into effect agreements for or with reference to such transfer and vesting and to sanction and confirm any agreement already made or which prior to the confirmation of the Order may be made for or with reference thereto and to provide for the payment by or to the Town Council to or by the County Council and the District Committee of such a sum as may be agreed upon towards the costs charges and expenses of and incidental to such transfer and vesting.

3. To repeal alter or vary in their application to