

WAR OFFICE, March 18, 1879.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officer, whose claim to the same has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his gallant conduct at the Peiwar Kotal, in the East Indies, as recorded against his name, viz. :—

Corps.	Rank and Name.	Act of Gallantry for which recommended.
Bengal Staff Corps	Captain John Cook . . .	For a signal act of valour at the action of the Peiwar Kotal on the 2d December 1878, in having, during a very heavy fire, charged out of the entrenchments with such impetuosity that the enemy broke and fled, when, perceiving, at the close of the mêlée, the danger of Major Galbraith, Assistant Adjutant-General, Kurum Column Field Force, who was in personal conflict with an Afghan soldier, Captain Cook distracted his attention to himself, and aiming a sword cut which the Douranee avoided, sprang upon him, and, grasping his throat, grappled with him. They both fell to the ground. The Douranee, a most powerful man, still endeavouring to use his rifle, seized Captain Cook's arm in his teeth, until the struggle was ended by the man being shot through the head.

STATEMENT showing the Quantities Sold and Average Price of BRITISH CORN, Imperial Measure, as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise, in the Week ended 15th March 1879, conformably to the Act of the 27th and 28th Victoria, cap. 87.

	QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	51,834	4	39	7
Barley	34,195	4	34	1
Oats	5,699	3	20	9

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1875 to 1878.

Corresponding Week in	QUANTITIES SOLD.						AVERAGE PRICE.					
	WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.		WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.	
	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1875	67,153	6	24,781	1	2,692	0	41	9	42	2	30	2
1876	45,047	7	38,051	3	3,579	0	42	9	32	8	25	6
1877	44,717	3	38,013	4	5,658	2	51	3	40	8	26	5
1878	32,298	0	26,674	6	6,395	1	49	6	42	2	23	9

R. GIFFEN,

Comptroller of Corn Returns.

Statistical and Corn Department, Board of Trade,
March 15, 1879.