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WAR OFFICE, November 29, 1879.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officer of the Natal Native Contingent, whose claim has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his gallant conduct during the recent operations in South Africa, as recorded against his name:—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
Natal Native Contingent	Corporal Schiess . . .	For conspicuous gallantry in the defence of Rorke's Drift Post on the night of the 22d January 1879, when, in spite of his having been wounded in the foot a few days previously, he greatly distinguished himself when the Garrison were repulsing, with the bayonet, a series of desperate assaults made by the Zulus, and displayed great activity and devoted gallantry throughout the defence. On one occasion when the Garrison had retired to the inner line of defence, and the Zulus occupied the wall of mealie bags which had been abandoned, he crept along the wall, without any order, to dislodge a Zulu who was shooting better than usual, and succeeded in killing him, and two others, before he, the Corporal, returned to the inner defence.