

Your attention will be invited to the subject of Intermediate Education in Ireland, and to the Grand Jury Law in that country.

Among other measures for the Amendment of the Law, a Bill will be laid before you to simplify and express in one Act the whole Law and Procedure relating to Indictable Offences.

I commend these subjects to your most careful consideration, and I pray that the blessing of the Almighty may attend and guide your deliberations.

Osborne, January 15, 1878.

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Lewis Whincop Jarvis, Esq., of Middleton Towers, King's Lynn.

Foreign Office, January 11, 1878.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Lionel Sackville Sackville West, now Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Argentine Republic, to be Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the King of Spain.

War Office, January 16, 1878.

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 Quetta, in the East Indies, as recorded against his name, viz. :—

Corps.	Rank and Name.	Act of Gallantry for which recommended.
Bengal Staff Corps ...	Captain Andrew Scott ...	For his gallant conduct at Quetta, on the 26th July, 1877, whilst serving in the 4th Sikh Infantry, on the occasion of an attack by some Pathan Coolies on Lieutenants Hewson and Kunhardt, of the Royal Engineers. On the evening of that day, Captain Scott, whilst on duty at the regimental parade ground of the 4th Sikh Infantry at Quetta, hearing an alarm that British Officers were being killed, spontaneously rushed to the rescue, and finding Lieutenant Hewson cut down, and Lieutenant Kunhardt retiring, hard-pressed and wounded, and only protected by Sepoy Ruchpal Singh, of the above-mentioned Regiment, fell on the assailants, and with his own hand bayoneted two men, and closed with a third, who fell with him to the ground, and was killed by Sepoys of the Regiment. This act of courage and devotion saved the life of Lieutenant Kunhardt.

Whitehall, January 15, 1878.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto John Lionel Tufnell, of Boreham House, in the parish of Boreham, in the county of Essex, Esquire, a Captain in the Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own), only son of William Michael Tufnell, of Hatfield Place, in the parish of Hatfield Peverel, in the said county of Essex, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace and a Deputy Lieutenant for the said county, by Eliza Isabella, his wife, elder of the three daughters and coheirs of Sir John Tyssen Tyrell, late of Boreham House aforesaid, Baronet, deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that he and his issue may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last will and testament of his maternal grandfather, the said Sir John Tyssen Tyrell, Baronet, deceased, take and henceforth use the surname of Tyrell, in addition to and after that of Tufnell, and bear the arms of Tyrell quarterly with those of Tufnell; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's said College of Arms.

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*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, January 18, 1878.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Notice issued by the Portuguese Government, declaring the port of Para, as well as all the other ports of that Province, free from yellow fever, since the 27th October last.

Admiralty, 15th January, 1878.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 1st April, 1877—
Engineer Job Annable has been placed on the Retired List from the 8th instant.

Admiralty, 16th January, 1878.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870—
Staff Commander Alexander Brown has been placed on the Retired List from this date, and has been allowed to assume the rank and title of Retired Commander from the same date.

In accordance with the provisions of Her