

War Office, August 10, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officer, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his conspicuous bravery in South Africa, as stated against his name :—

Regiment.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
The Gordon Highlanders	Corporal F. McKay	On the 29th May, 1900, during the action on Crow's Nest Hill, near Johannesburg, Corporal McKay repeatedly rushed forward, under a withering fire at short ranges, to attend to wounded comrades, dressing their wounds whilst he himself was without shelter, and in one instance carrying a wounded man from the open, under a heavy fire, to the shelter of a boulder

Scottish Office, Whitehall, August 8, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 3rd instant, to appoint the Right Honourable the Earl of Leven and Melville to be Keeper of the Privy Seal of Scotland.

Westminster, August 8, 1900.

THIS day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Supplemental War Loan Act, 1900.
 Appropriation Act, 1900.
 Elementary Education Act, 1900.
 Executors (Scotland) Act, 1900.
 Lunacy Board (Scotland) Salaries and Clerks Act, 1900.
 Naval Reserve Act, 1900.
 Tithe Rentcharge (Ireland) Act, 1900.
 Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1900.
 Agricultural Holdings Act, 1900.
 Companies Act, 1900.
 Town Councils (Scotland) Act, 1900.
 Money-Lenders Act, 1900.
 County Courts (Investment) Act, 1900.
 Military Lands Act, 1900.
 Tramways (Ireland) Act, 1900.
 Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1900.
 Colonial Stock Act, 1900.
 Kingscourt, Keady, and Armagh Railway Act, 1900.
 Manchester Corporation Tramways Act, 1900.

(F. & H. 11,521.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 10, 1900.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from the Consul-General, Soumali Protectorate, Camp, Dara Aas, intimating that Aden being now reported free from plague quarantine has been removed on arrivals from that port.

(F. & H. 11,546.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 10, 1900.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Constantinople, intimating that the quarantine against Beyrout is suppressed.

(F. & H. 11,403.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 10, 1900.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Athens, intimating that the quarantine against Beyrout has been reduced to 48 hours, and that free pratique is granted to arrivals from other Syrian ports. The prohibition to import from Beyrout retained.

(F. & H. 11,564.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 10, 1900.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative in Roumania, enclosing the following Quarantine Notice, viz. :—

Sinaia, ce 19 Juillet/1 Août, 1900.

Le Ministère Royal des Affaires Etrangères a l'honneur de communiquer à la Légation Royale que, par décision du Conseil des Ministres, le port de Beyrouth, ainsi que tout le littoral et le vilayet correspondant, ont été déclarés infectés par la peste à partir du 11/24 Juillet courant.

Les provenances de cette région seront recues seulement à Sulina, où elles seront soumises à une quarantaine de dix jours.

Est interdite l'importation des objets suivants provenant de la dite région :

- (a.) Lingerie, vêtements et literie usés.
- (b.) Chiffons et drilles, sans en excepter les chiffons comprimés par la force hydraulique qui sont transportés comme marchandise en ballots.
- (c.) Les sacs usés, les tapis, les broderies ayant servi.
- (d.) Les cuirs verts, les peaux non tannées, les peaux fraîches.
- (e.) Les débris frais d'animaux tels que : os, onglons, sabots, vessies, boyaux crus séchés ou non salés, poils d'animaux, laines brutes.
- (f.) Cheveux.
- (g.) Fourrures, coton et cordages.
- (h.) Fruits, légumes et conserves.