

India, to all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, by a Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Her Principal Secretaries of State, and bearing date at Her Court at Buckingham Palace, the twenty-ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, in the nineteenth year of Her reign, did institute and create a new naval and military decoration, to be styled and designated the "Victoria Cross," which decoration She expressed Her desire should be highly prized and eagerly sought after by the officers and men of Her Naval and Military Services, and did also make, ordain, and establish the rules and ordinances therein set forth for the government of the same, to be thenceforward invariably observed and kept.

And whereas for divers reasons Us thereunto moving, We are desirous of rewarding the individual gallant services of native officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Our Indian Army by the bestowal of the said decoration, which We are desirous shall be highly prized and eagerly sought after by the said native officers, non-commissioned officers and men.

Now know ye that We, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have thought fit hereby to signify Our Royal Will and Pleasure that the said decoration shall be conferred on the native officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Our Indian Army who may be qualified to receive the same, in accordance with the rules and ordinances made, ordained and established for the government thereof by the said recited Warrant, and We do by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint that it shall be competent for the native officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Our Indian Army to obtain the said decoration in the manner set forth in the rules and ordinances referred to, or in accordance with any further rules and ordinances which may hereafter be made and promulgated by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, for the government of the said decoration.

And We do further, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint that in place of the special pension conferred by the fourteenth rule of the said recited Warrant, every native officer who shall have received the Cross shall from the date of the act by which such decoration has been gained be entitled to a special pension of five hundred and twenty-five rupees a year, and each additional bar conferred under the fourth rule on such native officer shall carry with it an additional pension of one hundred and fifty rupees a year. In the case of a warrant or non-commissioned officer or soldier the special pension shall be one hundred and fifty rupees, with seventy-five rupees additional for each additional bar. On the death of a recipient of the Cross these pensions shall be continued to his widow until her death or re-marriage.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 21st day of October, in the second year of Our Reign, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

By His Majesty's Command,

HALDANE OF CLON.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,  
St. James' Palace,*

*27th November, 1911.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to the Royal Victorian Order:—

*To be Knight Commander.*

Major-General James Alexander Bell, Political Resident of Aden, and General Officer Commanding Aden Brigade.

*Crown Office,*

*December 13, 1911.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to present the Reverend Ernest Newton Sharpe, M.A., to the Rectory of Holy Trinity, Marylebone, in the county and diocese of London, void by the cession of the Reverend Edward Grose Hodge, the last Incumbent, and in His Majesty's Gift in full right.

*Factory Department, Home Office,*

*December 6, 1911.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. J. A. P. Barnes to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Act for the Tottenham District of the county of Middlesex.

*Factory Department, Home Office,*

*December 8, 1911.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. E. L. Sturdee to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Act for the Exmouth District of the county of Devon.

*Factory Department, Home Office,*

*December 8, 1911.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that in consequence of the resignation of Dr. L. E. Whitaker, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Act at Diss, in the county of Norfolk, is vacant.

*Factory Department, Home Office,*

*December 11, 1911.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that in consequence of the resignation of Dr. J. Grant, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Act at Stromness, in the county of Orkney, is vacant.

*Downing Street,*

*9th December, 1911.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint Captain Harry Edward Spiller Cordeaux, C.B., C.M.G., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of St. Helena.