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FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1904.

War Office, January 15, 1904.

The KING has been graciously pleased to signify His intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officer, whose claims have been submitted for His Majesty's approval, for conspicuous bravery in Somaliland, as stated against his name:—

Corps.	Name.	Act of Courage for which recommended.
The Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own)	Captain and Brevet Major J. E. Gough	During the action at Daratoleh, on 22nd April last, Major Gough assisted Captains Walker and Rolland in carrying back the late Captain Bruce (who had been mortally wounded) and preventing that Officer from falling into the hands of the enemy. Captains Walker and Rolland have already been awarded the Victoria Cross for their gallantry on this occasion, but Major Gough (who was in command of the column) made no mention of his own conduct, which has only recently been brought to notice.

*War Office,
15th January, 1904.*

BREVET.

Captain and Brevet Major J. E. Gough, the Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own), to be Lieutenant - Colonel, in recognition of his services in command of the Troops during the action at Daratoleh, Somaliland, on 22nd April last. Dated 22nd April, 1903.

*Crown Office,
January 15, 1904.*

Days and places appointed for holding the Winter Assizes, 1904:—

NORTH-EASTERN CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice Lawrance.

Mr. Justice Bucknill.

Thursday, February 18, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Thursday, February 25, at Durham.

Friday, March 4, at York.

Thursday, March 10, at Leeds.

MIDLAND CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice Wills.

Mr. Justice Wright.

Monday, February 1, at Aylesbury.

Thursday, February 4, at Bedford.

Monday, February 8, at Northampton.

Friday, February 12, at Leicester.

Thursday, February 18, at Oakham.

Friday, February 19, at Lincoln.

Friday, February 26, at Derby.

Thursday, March 3, at Nottingham.

Tuesday, March 8, at Warwick.

Mr. Justice Wills.

Mr. Justice Kennedy.

Monday, March 14, at Birmingham.

*Treasury Chambers,
January 12, 1904.*

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has appointed William O'Brien, Esq., to be Steward and Bailiff of the Chiltern Hundreds.

*Foreign Office,
December 1, 1903.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Arthur Nightingale, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for the Spanish Territory between the Rio Campo and Cape St. John, and for the Island of Fernando Po; and

Charles Seymour Hampson, Esq., to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul for the Vilayets of Konieh and Angora, to reside at Konieh