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Gun Carriage Agency Office

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From

Colonel F Turner CB

Agent for Gun Carriages

To

The Adjutant General of the Army

Sir

I have the honour to request the favour of your bringing under the consideration of His Excellency General Sir Hugh Rose, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Land Forces in India, what appears to me an act of very gallant and meritorious conduct on the part of Conductor James Miller of the Ordnance Department, now attached to the Gun Carriage Agency under my superintendance in having under circumstances of great risk and danger to himself, on occasion of an attack on the 28th October 1857, by a detachment of our troops, under the late Colonel H. Cotton, on a party of Rebels who had taken up a position in the serai at Futtipore Sieri, gone to the assistance of and carried out of danger a wounded officer Lieutenant John M. Glubb, of the late 38th Regiment Bengal Native Light Infantry.

The circumstances came to my knowledge shortly after the Conductor joined this department in the month of October last but considerable delay has elapsed in obtaining the statement of Lieutenant Glubb who is absent from this country on leave on Medical Certificate to England, and of other eye witnesses to the fact.

Conductor Miller's conduct on the occasion is detailed in the accompanying documents:

1st Copy of a letter dated Thermanbury Rectory, Hereford, Sussex 16th February 1860 from Lieut. J. M. Glubb of the late 38th Regiment N. I. addressed to his brother Lieutenant C. M. Glubb of the late 37th Regiment N. I. at present Military Secretary to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor N. W. P. the original of which has been placed in my hands by the latter officer

2nd Copy of a certificate dated Fort Agra 30th December 1857, granted by Major (now Lieut. Colonel) G. I. Montgomery of the late 15th Regiment Bengal N. I. who was present and had previously been in command of a detachment with which Conductor Miller had served.

3rd Copy of a certificate dated 6th June 1860 furnished at my request by Lieutenant E. B. Wimberley BA, Adjutant of Her Majesty's 3rd Bengal European Infantry who was present on the occasion.

These documents will I trust be held sufficient to establish the fact, that Sub-conductor (now Conductor) James Miller performed a very meritorious act of personal bravery during the attack of the rebels in the serai at Futtepore Sieri on the 28th October 1857 in having proceeded under a heavy fire to the assistance of Lieutenant Glubb who was disabled by a wound, and carried that officer out of danger, and afterwards returned to his duty at the same spot, in doing which he had twice to expose himself to the enemy's fire and was himself subsequently wounded.

The Conductor holds testimonials of his good conduct throughout his career and I have pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellence of his behaviour in all respects during the period that he has been under my authority.

I believe I am only performing my duty towards a very good soldier in venturing thus to bring his act of bravery in the Field to the notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and humbly trust His Excellency may think that even the Victoria Cross Her most gracious Majesty's most valued gift to her bravest soldiers may not unworthily be bestowed upon Conductor Miller in approval of his excellent conduct on the occasion referred to.

I have the honour to be Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Signed Colonel F. Turner,
Agent for Gun Carriages