

Extracts from general orders relating to the Anglo-Zulu war 1879  
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**20<sup>th</sup> May 1879 Unnumbered.**

A medical Board will assemble at the principle medical officer's Office, Longmarket street, at 10 a.m. the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the health of Sub-Assistant Commissary Dalton, and nature of wound received by him in action at Rorke's Drift, on 22<sup>nd</sup> January last.

Royal Engineers: Lieutenant John rouse Merriot Chard, to be captain Supernumerary to the establishment, in recognition of his gallant services in the defence of Rorke's Drift post, against the attack of the Zulus on the night of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1879. Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1879.

**No. 103, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1879.**

Officers and men (Europeans) belonging to local Corps, serving under the Lieutenant General Commanding, who may become disabled from wounds received in action, will be brought before an invaliding board at Pietermaritzberg, Durban, or elsewhere, as may be most convenient according to intended place of residence, with a view to their cases being specially submitted for the consideration of the Secretary of State for War, should the Board be of the opinion that the disability has arisen solely from the service. Officers commanding Corps will be careful that all necessary documentary evidence regarding such cases, and particulars as to how the disability arose, are forwarded to the Senior Medical Officer of the district to be attached to the proceedings of the board. The board will record whether the man will be able to gain or contribute to his own livelihood.

**Brevet.**

The undermentioned officers to be Majors in recognition of their gallant services in the defence of Rorke's Drift Post against the attack of the Zulus on the night of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1879:

Captain John Rouse Merriot Chard, Royal Engineers, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1879; Captain Gonville Bromhead, 24<sup>th</sup> Foot, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1879.

**Editor's note.** Curiously, Lieutenant Bromhead's promotion to Captain came automatically as he was next in line following the death of Captain Reginald Younghusband at Isandlwana, and is dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1879.