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THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Seaman of the Royal Navy, whose claim to the same has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his gallant conduct in New Zealand, as recorded against his name; viz.:

Name and Rank.	Act of Bravery for which recommended.
<p>Samuel Mitchell, "Captain of the Fore-top" of Her Majesty's ship 'Harrier'</p> <p>Date of Act of Bravery, April 29th, 1864.</p>	<p>For his gallant conduct at the attack at Te Papa, Tauranga, on the 29th of April last, in entering the Pah with Commander Hay, and when that Officer was mortally wounded, bringing him out, although ordered by Commander Hay to leave him, and seek his own safety. This man was at the time 'Captain of the Fore-top' of the "Harrier," doing duty as Captain's Coxswain; and Commodore Sir William Wiseman brings his name to special notice for this act of gallantry.</p>