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Form: Circular with ornate ribbon bar riveted to the medal. The ribbon is orange bordered with two outer wide blue stripes and narrow inner blue stripes.

By: Obverse after William Wyon. Reverse Leonard Charles Wyon.

Date: 1879

Ref: MYB: 127; Laidlaw: 1109;

Variations: **Size** **Metal** **Mass** **Value**

36 mm Silver \$700 and upwards

Edge: Engraved with the rank, name and unit of the recipient. This medal (1879 Clasp): "TR. PIGG. ALEXANDRA MD. RIFLE

Obverse: Diademed head of young Queen Victoria, left. Signed on truncation: "W. WYON R.A.". Legend: "VICTORIA (left) REGINA (right)".

Reverse: Lion crouching on platform, left, protea bush behind. In the exergue, crossed native spears and shield. Legend: "SOUTH AFRICA".

Notes: The medal was issued to British and Colonial troops engaged in various actions against several native tribes in the Cape and Natal between 1877 and 1879, most notably the Zulu War conflict in Natal.

Clasps to medal and number issued:

No Clasp	.....	5,600
1877	.....	150
1877-8	.....	5,820
1877-8-9	.....	3,520
1877-9	.....	8
1878	.....	2,000
1878-9	.....	1,180
1879	.....	18,330 (Zulu War)