

From Colonel Hassard, C.B., R.E., Commanding Western District, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for War.

*Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope,*

SIR, *February 26, 1878.*

I HAVE the honour to inform you that I have received a telegram from His Excellency Sir A. Cunynghame, that Her Majesty's troops had an action on Saturday last (23rd instant), on the Thomas' River. It was a complete victory; 128 dead bodies were counted on the field, besides numbers of wounded. Casualties very small on our side.

Officers and men reported to have behaved splendidly.

Mantanzina, son of Sandilli, supposed to have been wounded.

His Excellency the General Commanding had desired me to write in order to save the mail leaving at 4 P.M. this day.

I have, &c.,

F. C. HASSARD,

Colonel, Royal Engineers, Commanding Western District, Cape of Good Hope.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, March 21, 1878.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Conway Frederick Charles Seymour, Esq., to be one of the Gentlemen Ushers of the Privy Chamber in Ordinary to Her Majesty, in the room of Sir Leopold Cust, Bart., deceased.

*Admiralty, 23rd March, 1878.*

Engineer John Bannatyne has been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 14th instant.

*Royal Marines.*

Lieutenant Frederick Colpoys Ormsby Johnson, Royal Marine Light Infantry, has been allowed to resign his Commission for the purpose of entering the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

*Admiralty, 25th March, 1878.*

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, Admiral Sir Hastings Reginald Yelverton, G.C.B., has been placed on the Retired List of his rank from the 21st instant, and the following promotions consequent thereon have been made from the same date:—

Vice-Admiral Sir Astley Cooper Key, K.C.B., to be Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Rear-Admiral Rowley Lambert, C.B., to be Vice-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Captain Sir William Nathan Wrighte Hewett, V.C., K.C.B., to be Rear-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet.

Consequent on the foregoing, the following promotions on the Retired List, have taken place from the same date:—

Vice-Admirals:

Edwin Clayton Tennyson D'Eyncourt, C.B.,

Thomas Henry Mason, C.B.,

James Anderson (b),

Robert Kerr,

Sidney Grenfell, C.B.,

The Right Honourable Sir John Charles

Dalrymple Hay, Bart., C.B.,

Hugh Dunlop, C.B.,

to be Admirals on the Retired List.

Rear-Admirals:

Vincent Amcott's Massingberd,

The Honourable George Disney Keane, C.B.,

Charles Luxmoore Hockin,

Henry Alexander Story,

to be Vice Admirals on the Retired List.

Captains:

Henry James Raby, V.C., C.B.,

John Francis Ross,

to be Rear-Admirals on the Retired List.

*Admiralty, 26th March, 1878.*

*Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers.*

*London Brigade.*

Frederick James Mann, Esq., to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 26th March, 1878.

*War Office, Pall Mall,*

*26th March, 1878.*

*55th Regiment of Foot.*

Lieutenant-General Sir Edmund Haythorne, K.C.B., to be Colonel, vice General Sir Philip M. Nelson Guy, K.C.B., deceased. Dated 11th March, 1878.

2nd Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant Charles Francis Adderley Noel resigns his Commission. Dated 27th March, 1878.

11th Hussars, Second Lieutenant Richard Fort, from the 8th Hussars, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant E. E. Lushington, promoted. Dated 27th March, 1878.

Coldstream Guards, Lieutenant the Honourable Arthur Henry Henniker-Major to be Adjutant, vice Lieutenant and Captain the Honourable E. E. T. Boscawen, promoted. Dated 16th February, 1878.

19th Foot, Lieutenant William Graham Waugh McClintock to be Captain, vice Brevet Major W. H. Moffatt, retired on a pension. Dated 13th March, 1878.

Lieutenant Richard Phayre to be Adjutant, vice Lieutenant A. J. Paterson, promoted. Dated 19th February, 1878.

22nd Foot, Captain and Brevet Major Charles Edward Lane Bluett to be Major, vice W. Busfield, retired on a pension. Dated 13th March, 1878.

Lieutenant George Arnold Christian to be Captain, vice Brevet Major C. E. L. Bluett. Dated 13th March, 1878.

23rd Foot, Lieutenant Rowland Broughton Mainwaring to be Adjutant, vice Lieutenant G. C. E. Rowley, promoted. Dated 5th March, 1878.

30th Foot, Lieutenant Thomas Reoch Burns to be Captain, vice G. A. Agnew, seconded for service as an Instructor at the School of Musketry. Dated 1st January, 1878.

Gentleman Cadet Bridges George Lewis, from the Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant T. R. Burns. Dated 27th March, 1878.

34th Foot, Lieutenant Reginald Wilton Hugh Macdonald, from the Hereford Militia, to be Second Lieutenant, in succession to Lieutenant W. Watson, promoted. Dated 27th March, 1878.