

1385 Sowar Agdeh Sing, slight, gunshot wound on the back.

1626 Sowar Bakshish Sing, severe, sabre wound on right hand, and slight wound on chest.

T. G. KENNEDY, Colonel,
Commanding 2nd Punjab Cavalry,
Camp Zargunshahr, the 1st July, 1880.

Expenditure of Ammunition in Cavalry Brigade, 3rd Division, Northern Afghanistan Field Force.

1st Punjab Cavalry—226 men; 213 rounds, small arms, expended in action at Patkáo Shana.

2nd Punjab Cavalry—155 men; Snider C. 19, pistol 1, rounds, small arms, expended in action at Patkáo Shana.

19th Bengal Lancers.—183 men, 441 rounds, small arms, expended in action at Patkáo Shana.

Total—564 men engaged, 674 rounds of ammunition expended in action at Patkáo Shana.

Approximate Estimate of Casualties caused to the Enemy in Killed, Wounded, and Prisoners.

Patkáo Shana, July 1, 1880,—Killed about 200, Wounded not known, Prisoners 8. A number of men who surrendered were allowed to go away.

C. H. PALLISER, Brigadier-General,
Commanding Cavalry Brigade, 3rd Division,
Northern Afghanistan Field Force,
Zargunshahr, the 2nd July, 1880.

Whitehall, October 20, 1880.

THE Queen has been pleased to issue a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the effect following, viz. :—

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, to Our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin and Councillor Charles Stanley, Viscount Monck, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Our right trusty and well-beloved Thomas Spring, Baron Monteagle of Brandon; Our trusty and well-beloved Craven Hildesley Dickens, Esq., Companion of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of Our Royal Regiment of Artillery; Our trusty and well-beloved John Philip Nolan, Esq., Major in Our Royal Regiment of Artillery; Our trusty and well-beloved Arthur Loftus Tottenham, Esq., late Captain in Our Army; Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Alexander Dickson, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Ball Greene, Esq.; and our trusty and well-beloved John Mulholland, Esq., Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire respecting the system of Navigation which connects Coleraine, Belfast, and Limerick, and to report to Us,—

1. Whether for the purpose of the navigations generally, the water has been shut up and the drainage power of the country interfered with, and decreased either by the non-removal of natural, or the creation of artificial, obstructions; and, if so, to what extent.

2. If such is the case, whether with reference to the original design of a through system of navigation in connection with the drainage of the country; it is really practicable to combine the two objects; and, if that is impossible, whether

the present use, and the possible future success, of the navigations, should be weighed against the immediate and continuous loss to agriculture; or whether the navigations should be in some cases abandoned.

3. If such is not the case, what probability there is of the navigations being utilised within such a reasonable time as would justify an immediate further outlay of public money to put them in order, and a continuous outlay so as to maintain them until the period of use may arrive.

4. If the whole or part of the navigations are to be maintained, what average depth of water is sufficient for practical purposes and under whose direction they should eventually be placed.

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your ability and discretion, have nominated, constituted, and appointed, and do by these presents nominate, constitute, and appoint, you, the said Charles Stanley, Viscount Monck, Thomas Spring, Baron Monteagle of Brandon, Craven Hildesley Dickens, John Philip Nolan, Arthur Loftus Tottenham, Thomas Alexander Dickson, Ball Greene, and John Mulholland, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said Inquiry.

And for the better enabling you, Our said Commissioners, to make the said inquiries, We do by these presents authorize and empower you, or any three or more of you, to call before you, or any three or more of you, such persons as you may judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed of the matters herein submitted for your consideration, and every matter connected therewith, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all lawful ways and means whatsoever; and also to call for and examine all such books, documents, papers, or records as you shall judge likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject of this Our Commission, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do further by these presents authorize and empower you, or any three or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem expedient for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you, or any three or more of you, do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us under your hands and seals upon the matters referred to you as aforesaid, and that you may have power to certify to Us, from time to time, your several proceedings in respect of the matters aforesaid, if it may seem expedient for you so to do.

And We do further will and command, and by these presents ordain, that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall and may, from time to time, proceed in the execution thereof and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And for the purpose of aiding you in such matters, We hereby appoint our trusty and well-beloved Denis Godley, Esq., to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the eighteenth day of *October*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, in the forty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

W. V. Harcourt.