

vish demanded an answer. Several of the Shagiya came on board, and stated that they would now join the Mahdi. Khasm-el-Mous Bey, seeing that we should be opposed in the cataract, answered that he would surrender to Fakir Mustapha after passing the cataract. This satisfied the Shagiya, and had the effect of ensuring a quiet passage down the cataract. We heard that the enemy, under the Fakir, had placed guns in position at Wad-El-Habashi, and had 1,500 riflemen there to oppose us if we did not surrender. This position we intended to pass at full speed, being at the foot of the cataract.

January 30th.—Passed the gorge and a very difficult gate in safety, and anchored for the night at one of the Islands of Hassan below Shabluka. Two Shagiya came on board, and confirmed the news about the manner by which Khartoum had fallen; but they added that General Gordon, with Consul Nicola, 50 Greeks, and some soldiers of the Shagiya tribe, had shut himself in the Catholic church at Khartoum, with the ammunition depôt, and a certain quantity of food. This position is stated to be very strong. The Shagiya also reported that the Mahdi's Emirs refused to lead their men against the English unless he accompanied them in command, and that the English were much dreaded.

Matamneh was reported to have fallen after three days' fighting, and the English Army to be swarming in the desert like ants (*sic.*).

It was reported that Abdul Hamid Bey had intended to go over to the Mahdi, after hearing the news of the fall of Khartoum, but was prevented doing so by Khasm-el-Mous, whose loyalty was unswerving.

January 31st.—Passed the lowest narrow passage near the island of Mernat in safety. The "Bordein" dropping down the stream stern foremost. When almost clear of the cataract, and within four miles of the enemy's position, the "Bordein" struck a rock very hard, making a large hole in her bow; water rushed in very fast. She was brought up alongside a small island, and sank to the level of the deck. Sir Charles Wilson determined to bivouac on the island, and remain there till relieved. Everything was saved from the steamer, excepting the ammunition. I left the island in a small rowing boat, with four English soldiers and eight natives, at 6.45 p.m., and floated by the enemy's works, which we passed safely, only a few volleys being fired.

I arrived here at 3 a.m., and reported myself to the Officer Commanding.

(Signed) E. J. M. STUART-WORTLEY,
Lieutenant, King's Royal Rifles.

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El Gubat, 1st February, 1885.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 5th day of March, 1885.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the tenth year of Her Majesty, "for the more easy recovery of small debts and demands in England," it is, among other things, enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that the said Act be put in force in such county or counties as to Her Majesty, with the advice aforesaid, shall seem fit, and to divide the whole or part of any such county (including all counties of cities and counties of towns, cities, boroughs, towns, ports, and places, liberties, and franchises therein contained or thereunto adjoining) into districts; and to order that the County Court shall be holden for the recovery of debts and demands under the said Act in each of such districts; and from time to time to alter such districts as to Her Majesty, with the advice aforesaid, shall seem fit; and from time to time to declare by what name and in what towns and places the County Court shall be holden in each district:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by an Order in Council of the ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, to order that the said Act be put in force in the counties and places therein specified, of which the county of Surrey was one, and the town of Reigate was named as a place for holding one of the courts of the said county for the district therein specified, and the same was put in force accordingly:

And whereas by certain other Acts made and passed in the thirteenth, in the fourteenth, in the sixteenth, in the twentieth, in the twenty-second, in the twenty-ninth, in the thirty-first, and in the thirty-ninth years of the reign of Her Majesty the provisions of the said recited Act have been amended and extended:

And whereas it hath been represented that it would be of advantage to the public that the County Court now holden at Reigate should be holden at Redhill instead of at Reigate.

Her Majesty, having taken the premises into consideration, is thereupon pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the thirtieth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, the County Court now holden by the name of "The County Court of Surrey holden at Reigate," shall be holden by the name of "The County Court of Surrey holden at Redhill," and the said Court now holden at Reigate shall be holden from such time aforesaid at Redhill instead of at Reigate.

C. L. Peel.