

making any stand, and the force encamped that night in Pobo. Our losses during the day were 7 Ibadans slightly wounded, 1 severely wounded, and 1 carrier shot through the lungs.

The next morning, Tuesday, 17th, having burnt the village, I advanced and again met the enemy, after marching about six miles, in a good position outside the village of Majoda, where they made a stand, and a sharp fight took place before I eventually occupied the town. During that afternoon the Jebus attempted to attack our position, but were repulsed with heavy loss on their side. I regret to say that during the morning's engagement Mr. Willoughby, a Native Interpreter, was killed. Captain Hon. A. S. Hardinge was also slightly wounded in the thigh.

The next day, Wednesday, 18th, having destroyed the above village, I advanced and occupied a village called Layon, about eight miles distant, but met with no resistance from the enemy.

I advanced the following morning, Thursday, 19th, and after an hour's march encountered the whole Jebu army in force, posted in a most powerful position on rising ground in dense undergrowth on either side, and in front of a steep and narrow ravine terminating in a deep pool of running water, through which the column had to advance, and a severe engagement took place which lasted for three hours. The Jebus fought in a most determined manner, sending to their front fresh relays of hundreds of men whenever either losses or expenditure of ammunition required it.

They attacked the whole length of the column which owing to the extreme narrowness of the pass was in single file and extended nearly two miles, as well as its front and rear, and it was only owing to the splendid efforts of both Officers and men that the position was eventually carried.

The losses on the enemy's side were very great. It was impossible to count the numbers, however, owing to the dense bush.

Their strength, judging from the size and number of huts in their camp at the village of Magbon, near by, must have been between 7,000 and 8,000.

Among the Officers of the force Captain Owen was wounded in the head and the thigh and Lieutenant Lawrie was also slightly wounded.

I am attaching, however, a detailed report by the Chief Medical Officer, who was in charge. Considering that our force numbered only some 350 fighting men, the result was most satisfactory. Officers and men did their work well.

I beg to bring to your notice Captain Owen for the able manner in which he conducted the attack on this occasion, also Lieutenant Lawrie, who commanded the Artillery, and Captain Larymore, my Staff Officer.

Captain Honourable A. S. Hardinge commanding the Ibadans, and Captain Gordon, Intelligence Officer. Captain Hardinge was entirely alone with the Ibadans during the engagement, and the cool and soldier-like manner in which he did his work deserves great praise.

I marched from Magbon the next morning, Friday 20th, with a view to attacking the capital, Jebu Ode, about six miles away. I was met, however, by a flag of truce and an emissary from the Awujale, or king, begging for peace.

The force marched into the town at about 11.30 A.M., which I found deserted, with the exception of the King and a few followers, who I at once interviewed. The King appears to have no authority over his people, and throws himself on Your Excellency's mercy.

I would mention that the hospital arrangements made by Dr. Henderson, chief Medical Officer of the expedition, worked well, and he was ably assisted by Surgeon-Captain Crofts.

The Transport, in charge of Captain Ussher, was a most trying duty with the number of carriers that had to be employed, and he deserves great credit for its excellent working.

The detachment of the West India Regiment, commanded by Major Madden, and the Lagos Hausas and Gold Coast Hausas, under Captains Tarbet and Bayly respectively, behaved in a most efficient manner.

I have taken up a strong position in this town to withstand any attack that might be made. I am told, however, that the road passing through Oru, about ten miles north from here, is not yet opened. I intend therefore sending a flying column to that place to-morrow, as it is indispensable that the main road which passes through Oru from the interior should be declared open by us at once.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) F. C. SCOTT, Colonel, C.B.,
Commanding Jebu Expeditionary Force.

P.S.—I should mention that many of the enemy were armed with Snider Rifles, and a quantity of this ammunition was afterwards found, also a large quantity of powder with the name of Regis Ainé et Cie. on the barrels. F. C. S.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 28th day of June, 1892.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased to declare Her consent to a Contract of Matrimony between Her Royal Highness Princess Marie Alexandra Victoria, eldest daughter of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and His Consort Her Royal and Imperial Highness The Duchess of Edinburgh, Grand Duchess of Russia, and His Royal Highness Prince Ferdinand Victor Albert Mainrad of Roumania; which consent Her Majesty has also caused to be signified under the Great Seal and entered in the books of the Privy Council.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 28th day of June, 1892.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Parliament be prorogued from Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of June instaut, to Friday, the fifteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and that the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of that part of the United Kingdom called Great Britain do cause a Commission to be prepared and issued in the usual manner for proroguing the Parliament accordingly.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 28th day of June, 1892.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Convocations of the Provinces of Canterbury and York be prorogued from the day to which the same now stand prorogued to Saturday, the sixteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and