

D.S.O. (Royal Artillery), to safeguard the Dongola District, but it is satisfactory to note that the tribes inhabiting the Bayuda Desert are almost without exception loyal to the Egyptian Government.

On 31st October the desert railway from Wadi Halfa was opened to Abu Hamed, and the extension towards Berber was at once begun. The rapid completion of this line, which has greatly facilitated communications, reflects much credit on Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. Maxwell, D.S.O. (Commanding Nubia District), Lieutenant E. P. C. Girouard, D.S.O. (Royal Engineers), and his Staff, and on all officers and men employed on this undertaking, which has been successfully accomplished in almost record time, under great vicissitudes and during exceptionally hot weather.

In conclusion, it is my pleasant duty to record my appreciation of the excellent services of not only the officers and troops mentioned above, but also of the whole force of the Egyptian Army in the Sudan, who, whether British or Native, officers or men, willingly and ably carried out the often arduous duties they were called upon to perform, and maintained throughout the trying summer heat most excellent discipline and soldierlike spirit.

As fuller accounts have from time to time been submitted to you dealing in detail with the various movements described, I have thought it merely necessary in the above despatch to touch on the salient points of the recent operations, which have resulted in retaking for Egypt upwards of 300 miles of the Nile Valley, besides the whole of the Eastern Sudan, and in freeing the inhabitants of these districts from terrible oppression.

I have, &c.,
HERBERT KITCHENER,
Major-General, Sirdar.

India Office, January 22, 1898.

THE following General Order, dated 17th December, 1897, publishing a correction in Major-General Sir B. Blood's Despatch of the 27th October, 1897 (published in the London Gazette of the 11th January, 1898), has been received from the Government of India:—

GENERAL ORDERS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 17th December, 1897.

FIELD OPERATIONS.—MALAKAND.

No. 1379.—Paragraph 15 of Major-General Sir B. Blood's Despatch No. 5, dated 27th October, 1897, published in G.G.O., No. 1317, of the 3rd December, 1897, is revised and should read as follows:—

15. The right column under Lieutenant-Colonel Vivian, 38th Dogras, consisting of six companies and a detachment of Sappers, was directed along the eastern side of the Mamund Valley on the villages of Shinkot, Chingai 1st, Damadolah and Badam Kili; the central column under Colonel Goldney, 35th Sikhs, consisting of ten companies (4 of the Buffs and 6 of the 35th Sikhs), four guns, one squadron and a detachment of Sappers, was directed against the villages of Munar, Hazarnao and Badalai; while the left column, under Major Campbell of the Guides, was composed of seven companies (2 of the Buffs and 5 of the Guides), and a detachment of Sappers, and was directed along the right bank of the Watelai ravine parallel to the centre column.

War Office, January 25, 1898.

THE name of Alexander Hay, late Captain and Honorary Major of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion, the Gordon Highlanders, is erased from the Register of individuals upon whom the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Volunteer Officers' Decoration.

Foreign Office, December 17, 1897.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Gaston de Muralt, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Cantons of Berne, Fribourg, and Neuchâtel, to reside at Berne;
Alfred Galland, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Cantons of Vaud and Valais, to reside at Lausanne; and
Sir George Philippo, Knt., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Canton of Geneva, to reside at Geneva.

York House, St. James's Palace,

January 24, 1898.

HER Royal Highness the Duchess of York has been pleased to appoint Lady Katherine Grey Coke as Extra Lady in Waiting to Her Royal Highness.

Crown Office, January 25, 1898.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present **PARLIAMENT.**

County of Armagh.—Mid-Armagh Division.

Dunbar Plunket Barton, Esq., Q.C., Her Majesty's Solicitor-General for Ireland.

Borough of Dublin.

Saint Stephen's Green Division.

James Henry Mussen Campbell, Esq., Q.C., in the place of William Kenny, Esq., who hath accepted the office of a Judge of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in Ireland.

BY virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King George III, intituled "An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty, as authorizes the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out writs for the election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein mentioned, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes;" and of an Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to further limit and define the time for proceeding to Election during the Recess:"

I do hereby give notice, that it hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two Members serving in this present Parliament, that Sir Horace Brand Townsend Farquhar, Bart., late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the Borough of Marylebone (West Division), is become a Peer of the United Kingdom, and that a writ of Summons hath been issued to him under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom to summon him to Parliament, and that I shall issue my Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said Division of the said Borough, at the end of six days after the insertion of this notice in the London Gazette.

Given under my hand this 25th day of January, 1898.

W. C. GULLY, Speaker.