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WHITEHALL, June 29, 1868.

THE following Addresses of Congratulation to the Queen, in reference to the atrocious attempt upon the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Gathorne Hardy, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for presentation, have accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously :—

To The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Majesty,

We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Newbury, in the county of Berks, in Council assembled, express our feelings of devoted loyalty to your Majesty's Person and Family, and our feelings of horror and indignation of the atrocious attempt on the person and life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, while engaged in promoting and cultivating feelings of loyal attachment to your Majesty amongst the inhabitants of a distant colony of this country.

We acknowledge with gratitude that the result of such an atrocious attempt has been to call forth stronger manifestations of loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's Person and Family amongst all classes of your Majesty's subjects.

We pray that God's watchful providence, which guarded the life of your Majesty's Son, will long preserve your Majesty to reign over a dutiful and attached people.

J. F. HICKMAN, Deputy Mayor.

And the following on the same subject ; from The Congregational Ministers in South Wales. The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

WHITEHALL, June 29, 1868.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto the Reverend Henry Mildred Birch, B.D., the place and dignity of Canon in the Cathedral Church of Ripon, void by the promotion of Doctor James Atlay to the Bishoprick of Hereford.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend James Prophet to the church and parish of St Mungo, in the presbytery of Lochmaben, and county of Dumfries, void by the death of the Reverend John Mein Austin.

INDIA OFFICE, June 29, 1868.

THE following Despatches have been this day received from Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Napier, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., Commanding the Abyssinian Expeditionary Force :—

No. 1.

(Lieutenant-General Sir R. Napier, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., to the Secretary of State for India.)

*Commander-in-Chief's Office,
Camp, Koomeylee,*

RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR, June 1, 1868.

IN continuation of my Despatch, No. 40, dated 12th May, I have the honour to report that I this day passed the Sooroo defile with the last column of the Abyssinian Expeditionary Force, the 25th Bombay Native Light Infantry, and the 27th Belooch Battalion.

The march from Dalanta to Antalo was trying, from the frequent severe storms of rain which appeared to accompany us, and from which our troops, in some degree, and more especially the followers and transport animals, could not fail to suffer.

The wild border tribes of Abyssinians and Gallas, through whom our route lay, from the Taccassi to Antalo, being very little under the control of their distant and almost nominal rulers, and were perfectly well behaved on our advance, finding by degrees our vulnerable points, had been for some time making attacks upon our muleteers and camp followers when venturing far from their escorts, and on some occasions even on our armed soldiers.

In the first instances some camp followers were killed, and in the last our soldiers being driven to use their weapons, several Abyssinians and Gallas were killed and wounded.

Considerable numbers of armed men, principally Gallas, watched our march from the hills, and though restrained by the pressure of our columns, they made attempts on our line of baggage, but met with little success ; soldiers were freely interspersed along the line, and the rear guard from Marowa to Antalo was continuously under the command of an experienced officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Bray, of the 4th (King's Own) Regiment, until we reached the coast.

This was a very clear indication of what a force returning in difficulties would experience.

In the friendly territory of Prince Russai the troops returned to marches made easy by the