

fire to be renewed, and to be partially and sparingly kept up for the night, against the fort only, and principally against one having mounted guns, in order to disturb their movements, as well as to sustain the confidence of the people of the country in our protection, and aid in the resumption of their allegiance to the Sultan.

The mountaineers have come in considerable numbers, principally, I understand, Christians. Muskets, with ammunition, have been distributed with all possible discrimination and caution, and the demand for them is increasing. On being supplied, they generally return to their abodes in the recesses of the mountains; some skirmishing is said to have taken place between them and the Egyptians; and Captain Martin's letter of the 15th, of which a copy is enclosed, will shew that good service had been done by a party of two hundred and fifty of them at Batrona.

The line of operations taken up by the squadron, extends from Tripoli to Caffa, beyond Acre, and several points commanding the road along the coast have been taken, but the Egyptian army, said to be fifteen thousand strong, is concentrated within a few hours' march, and an advanced post of about four hundred men, is seen on the brow of a hill, near our camp.

A new appointment of Pashas has taken place, and Isset Pasha has just arrived to take possession of his province.

We have been now ten days occupied incessantly on very active and fatiguing service, and it is gratifying to me to be enabled to notice to their Lordships the fine spirit with which it has been carried on both on shore and on board. Commodore Napier's letter will speak for the former, and my own observation bears equal testimony to the other, but where the exertions of all are so conspicuous it would be impossible as invidious to particularize individual merit.

From Rear-Admiral Baron de Baudiera I have received the most kind, ready, able, and efficient advice and assistance; and the zeal and active exertions of His Royal Highness the Archduke Charles Frederic of Austria have been most prominent upon every occasion. The Austrian squadron has been of the greatest service on this expedition; two hundred of their marines are now serving on shore with ours, and the labours and fatigue duties shared in common.

To the zealous, persevering, and active exertions of Rear-Admiral Walker, in command of the Ottoman squadron, his captain, officers, and men, much credit is due for the ready co-operation and good understanding kept up between the two services in the indefatigable performance of their arduous duties.

The steam vessels have been eminently useful in constantly moving along a great extent of coast with troops and arms, and taking part in the attacks upon the different forts, which services have been executed entirely to my satisfaction.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ROBERT STOPFORD, Admiral.

WE the Admirals of the British and Austrian Squadrons, acting in obedience to the instructions of our respective Governments, and in the interests of His Highness the Sultan, consider it our duty to represent to your Excellency our earnest desire to stop the effusion of blood, and to call upon your Excellency to withdraw your troops from Beyrout, and to deliver the town to our united forces to be retained in the name of the Sultan.

Your Excellency will have observed from the fire of the ships yesterday, a small specimen only of the course we shall be compelled to pursue.

The fire has not been pressed this morning, that your Excellency may benefit by the pause, and upon reflection come to the decision, in consonance with our benevolent views to spare the innocent inhabitants from the inevitable horrors which a few hours will inflict upon them.

We request your Excellency will send an answer, as soon as you can, or at the latest by half-past one.

(Signed)

ROBERT STOPFORD, Admiral.
BAUDIERA.

Off Beyrout, Thursday 11 A.M.

His Excellency Soliman Pacha,
Major-General of the Egyptian Army
at Beyrout.

LE Générale Soliman Pacha à l'honneur de présenter ses salutations à Messieurs les Amiraux des escadres Anglaise et Autrichienne, et en même temps il les prévient, que ne sachant pas lire la langue Anglaise, il lui est impossible de répondre à moins que Messieurs les Amiraux ne veuillent bien lui faire traduire en Français, et un Turque, ou en Arab leur communication.

Beyrout, le 11 Septembre 1840.

(Signed) EUJNT. Z. SULEIMAN.

A Messieurs Les Amiraux
Commandant les Escadres Anglaise et
Autrichienne, Levant, Baurriect.

Princess Charlotte, off Beyrout,
September 16, 1840.

I WAS sent on shore this afternoon to the town with a flag of truce, and a letter addressed to Soliman Pacha. My orders were to remain half an hour for an answer; on reaching the town I was received by an officer, who I understood was the Captain of the Port, to whom I delivered the letter; I was not permitted to remain on shore, but laid off; at the end of half an hour, twenty minutes after five P. M. the same officer returned with another, who I understood to be Soliman Pacha's Secretary, who delivered me the following message in French, repeated twice over at my request.

"That His Highness was then engaged at a Council of War, after which it was his intention to review his troops; but that his answer would be ready next morning." I demanded at what hour, when the Secretary, after a word or two with the Captain of the Port, fixed two hours after sunrise.

(Signed) ALEXANDER MURRAY,
Lieutenant.