

Admiralty, October 1, 1855.

A DESPATCH, of which the following is a copy, has been received from Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, Bart., G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean and Black Sea.

EMBARKATION OF NAVAL BRIGADE.

*Royal Albert, off Sevastopol,
September 18, 1855.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to enclose, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a printed copy of a General Order which has been issued to the Army on the re-embarkation of the Royal Naval Brigade.

I am, &c.,

ED. LYONS,

Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.

GENERAL ORDER.

*Head Quarters, Sevastopol,
September 17, 1855.*

No. 1. The service for which the Naval Brigade was attached to this Army having been completed by the fall of Sevastopol, the Force has been ordered to rejoin the Fleet.

The Commander of the Forces heartily thanks the Officers, Petty Officers, and Seamen, for the very efficient services they have rendered in the batteries, and on all occasions when their aid against the enemy was required; and he has to notice the patience and courage with which, side by side with the Soldiers of this Army, they have endured the dangers and hardships of nearly a year's duty in the trenches.

General Simpson cordially acknowledges the obligations he is under to Rear-Admiral Sir Stephen Lushington, K.C.B., who so ably commanded the Brigade, from its formation until his removal by promotion to a higher rank, and to Captain Honourable H. Keppel, R.N., who succeeded him, and retained the command until the conclusion of this ever-memorable siege.

By order,

(Signed) H. W. BARNARD,
Chief of the Staff.

AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 24th day of *September, 1855.*

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for rendering more easy the taking the poll at county elections," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time, on petition from the justices of any county, riding, parts, or division in England or Wales, in quarter sessions assembled, representing that the number of polling places for such county, riding, parts, or division, is insufficient, and praying that the place or places mentioned in the said petition may be a polling place or polling places for the county, riding,

parts, or division, of the county within which such place or places is or are situate, to declare that any place or places mentioned in the said petition shall be a polling place or polling places for that county, riding, parts or division, and that the justices of the peace for such county, riding, parts, or division, in quarter sessions, or some special sessions assembled, as mentioned in the Act passed in the Third year of the reign of His said late Majesty, intituled "An Act to settle and determine the divisions of counties and the limits of cities and boroughs in England and Wales, in so far as respects the election of Members to serve in Parliament," shall, conformably to the said last-mentioned Act, divide such county, riding, parts, or division, into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place:

And whereas by another Act, passed in the session of Parliament, held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to limit the time for proceeding to election in counties and boroughs in England and Wales, and for polling at elections for the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for other purposes;" it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time, hereafter, on petition from the justices in quarter sessions assembled of any county, riding, parts, or division of any county, other than any county of a city, or of a town in England and Wales, representing that it would be expedient that any polling place or places mentioned in the said petition should cease to be such, and that any other place or places mentioned in the said petition should be substituted in lieu thereof, and praying that such alteration and substitution might be made to declare that the said alteration and substitution shall be made in respect of all or any of the places mentioned in the said petition; and the said declaration shall be certified under the hand of one of the clerks in ordinary of Her Majesty's Privy Council, and when so certified shall be published in the London Gazette, and shall then be of the same force and effect as if the same had been expressly made by authority of Parliament;

And whereas the justices of the peace for the county of Stafford, in general quarter sessions assembled, on the second day of July last, have presented a petition to Her Majesty in Council representing that the number of polling places for the northern division of the said county, is insufficient, and that it is expedient that the town or place of Lane End, one of the existing polling places for the said northern division, should cease to be such, and praying that the said town or place of Lane End may cease to be a polling place for the said northern division, and that in lieu thereof the several parishes, townships, or places of Alrewas, Ashley, Audley, Biddulph, Longnor, and Waterhouse in the parish of Waterfall, all situate within the said northern division, may be polling places for the said northern division;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty having taken the said petition into consideration, doth, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, declare, order, and direct, and it is hereby declared, ordered, and directed that the town or place of Lane End shall cease to be a polling place for the northern division of the county of Stafford, and that in lieu thereof, the parishes, townships, or places of Alrewas, Ashley, Audley, Biddulph, Longnor, and Waterhouse in the parish of Waterfall, shall be polling places for the said northern division of the county of Stafford; and further, that the justices of the peace for the said county, in quarter