

ber, nearly all the officers of the French army off duty attending.

It is General de Montauban's intention to have the bodies of the French officers and soldiers interred within the precincts of the French Catholic chapel inside the city walls.

On the 15th instant the Commanders-in-chief met, and agreed that they could not stop in the neighbourhood of Peking after the 1st of November.

On the 16th instant, Sir Hope Grant sent an English force to Yuen-Ming-Yuen, and burnt all the numerous buildings in the place.

On the 17th instant letters were sent by the English and French Plenipotentiaries respectively to Prince Kung, the Imperial Commissioner, in which they demanded that the Treaty should be immediately agreed to, and further that 300,000 taels should be paid to the English, and 200,000 taels to the French, these sums to be devoted as a sort of indemnity to the families of the deceased prisoners for the loss occasioned by their deaths, and to the survivors for the sufferings they had endured; also that an acceptance of these demands should be sent by 10 o'clock on the morning of the 20th instant, otherwise the city should be entered by the two forces, and the Imperial palace of Peking be burnt to the ground.

Prince Kung sent a letter respectively to the Plenipotentiaries, early on the morning of the 20th instant, to say that he accepted unconditionally all the terms, and that the money for the indemnity for the indignities offered to, and murder of, the prisoners, was ready to be paid. This money was delivered over to the English and French on the 22nd instant.

On the morning of the 24th instant, his Excellency, Baron Gros, proceeded, with an escort of 500 men, to take up his residence in the city of Peking.

At two o'clock P.M. on the same day, his Excellency the Earl of Elgin entered the city in State, and, having met Prince Kung, in a yamun, fitted up for the occasion, the English Treaty was signed.

At eleven o'clock A.M. on the 25th instant, his Excellency, Baron Gros, entered Peking in State, and after the same formalities had been observed as on the 24th, the French Treaty was signed.

Nothing which needs remark took place at the latter ceremony. Prince Kung, I am informed by persons present on both occasions, appeared rather more at ease, or perhaps less alarmed than he did on the previous day.

The weather has changed very much during the last fortnight, the mornings and evenings being excessively cold, the thermometer showing occasionally as low as freezing point.

The health of the troops still continues wonderfully good.

It is General de Montauban's present intention, should nothing occur to prevent him, to leave Peking about the end of the month, and proceed to Tien-tsin, where he will remain sufficient time to arrange the location of 2000 men, under General Collinot, then take his departure for Shanghai, which place he intends to make his head-quarters, with the rest of his force, excepting the detachments at Chusan and Chefow, until he receives further instructions from the Minister of War.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ST. GEORGE FOLEY, Colonel,  
Commissioner at French Head Quarters.

*The Lord John Russell,  
&c., &c., &c.*

TREATY of Peace, Friendship, and Commerce,  
between Her Majesty and the Emperor of China.

*Signed, in the English and Chinese languages, at  
Tientsin, June 26, 1858.*

[Ratifications exchanged at Peking, October 24,  
1860.]

HER MAJESTY the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the Emperor of China, being desirous to put an end to the existing misunderstanding between the two countries, and to place their relations on a more satisfactory footing in future, have resolved to proceed to a revision and improvement of the Treaties existing between them; and, for that purpose, have named as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say;

Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, a Peer of the United Kingdom, and Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle;

And His Majesty the Emperor of China, the High Commissioners Kweiliang, a Senior Chief Secretary of State, styled of the East Cabinet, Captain-General of the Plain White Banner of the Manchu Banner Force, Superintendent-General of the administration of Criminal Law; and Hwashana, one of His Imperial Majesty's Expositors of the Classics, Manchu President of the Office for the regulation of the Civil Establishment, Captain-General of the Bordered Blue Banner of the Chinese Banner Force, and Visitor of the Office of Interpretation;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, and found them to be in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:—

#### ARTICLE I.

The Treaty of Peace and Amity between the two nations, signed at Nanking on the twenty-ninth day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-two, is hereby renewed and confirmed.

The Supplementary Treaty and General Regulations of Trade having been amended and improved, and the substance of their provisions having been incorporated in this Treaty, the said Supplementary Treaty and General Regulations of Trade are hereby abrogated.

#### ARTICLE II.

For the better preservation of harmony in future, Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and His Majesty the Emperor of China mutually agree that, in accordance with the universal practice of great and friendly nations, Her Majesty the Queen may, if She see fit, appoint Ambassadors, Ministers, or other Diplomatic Agents to the Court of Peking; and His Majesty the Emperor of China may, in like manner, if He see fit, appoint Ambassadors, Ministers, or other Diplomatic Agents to the Court of St. James'.

#### ARTICLE III.

His Majesty the Emperor of China hereby agrees, that the Ambassador, Minister, or other Diplomatic Agent, so appointed by Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, may reside, with his family and establishment, permanently at the capital, or may visit it occasionally, at the option of the British Government. He shall not be called upon to per-