

Room, except in accordance with the above regulations.

It is particularly requested that in every case the names be *very distinctly written* upon the cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to the Queen.

It is not expected that Gentleman will present themselves at Drawing Rooms, except in attendance on the Ladies of their families.

Any Gentleman who under these circumstances should desire to be presented to The Queen, will observe the same regulations as are in force, for Her Majesty's Levees.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at two o'clock.

HERTFORD,
Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, March 6, 1874.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Presentation of Mrs. Johnson at Her Majesty's Drawing Room on Thursday, the 26th of February last, took place through inadvertence.

War Office, March 6, 1874.

THE Secretary of State for War has received a Despatch and Enclosure, of which the following are copies, from Major-General Sir Garnet Joseph Wolseley, K.C.M.G., C.B., Commanding the Troops on the Gold Coast:—

*Head Quarters, Amoaful,
February 1, 1874.*

SIR,

ACCORDING to the intention expressed in my despatch of 30th ultimo, I yesterday attacked the enemy to the south of this town, and drove them with heavy loss from the position they had selected to fight upon, and where I now find that the King of Ashanti had been for some time collecting his army.

My whole force, divided into four columns, as per margin,* advanced along the main road, preceded by the scouts, until the enemy were met at the village of Egginassie, which was carried by a rush of the scouts at about 8 A.M. The front column then extended into the thick bush on each side of the road, which was cut and widened by labourers under the Royal Engineers, so as to admit of the advance of the guns.

As the leading column advanced northward the left column, according to orders previously issued, cut a path diagonally to the left front, with a view of protecting the left flank of the front column; and as it moved along this path, the right column closing up, cut a path diagonally to the right to protect the right flank, while the rear column extended, so as to gain touch of the right and left columns which were designed to follow the flanks of the front column, and should it be out-flanked, to face east and west outwards. My inten-

* Front Column.—Brigadier General Sir A. Alison, Bart., C.F.—42nd Highlanders; Head Quarters, and detachment 2nd Battalion 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers; Rait's Artillery, two 7-pr. guns, detachment; Royal Engineers, Detachment.

Left Column.—Colonel J. C. McLeod, C.B.—Naval Brigade, Right Wing; Russell's Regiment; Rait's Artillery, two Rocket detachments; Royal Engineers, Detachment.

Right Column.—Lieutenant-Colonel H. E. Wood, V.C.—Naval Brigade, Left Wing; Wood's Regiment; Rait's Artillery, two Rocket detachments; Royal Engineers, Detachment.

Rear Column.—Lieutenant-Colonel A. F. Warren—2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade.

tion was to fight in the form of a square, and so oppose the invariable flanking tactics of the enemy, which their superior numbers would probably allow them to carry out against any line which I could form.

The front column, under Sir A. Alison, found the enemy in great force beyond a swampy stream to the north of Egginassie (see sketch*) and suffered heavily in dislodging them. They were driven out by the steady advance of the infantry, aided by the fire of Rait's guns. The large numbers of dead Ashantis at this part of the field, and the numbers of the 42nd Highlanders here wounded, showed the stubborn resistance made by the enemy. The 42nd Highlanders finally advanced and captured the town of Amoaful about noon, after being more than four hours in action.

Meanwhile the left column advancing under a heavy fire by which Captain Buckle, R.E., was killed while urging on his labourers, occupied the crest of a hill where a clearing was made, and the enemy driven away from this portion of their camp by an advance of the Naval Brigade and Russell's Regiment. Colonel McLeod having cleared his front and having lost touch of the left of the front column, now cut his way in a north-easterly direction and came into the main road in rear of the Highlanders, about the same hour that the advance occupied Amoaful. I protected his left rear by a detachment of the Rifle Brigade; our left flank was now apparently clear of the enemy.

On the right Lieutenant-Colonel Wood was met by a fire which prevented the advance of his column for more than a very short distance into the bush, consequently when the front column took Amoaful it would have become detached from the right column, but that communication was kept up along the main road by two companies of the 42nd, the head-quarters and detachment 23rd, and a company of the Rifle Brigade. Long after Amoaful was taken the Ashantis kept up a heavy fire on the right of the main road, and these troops laid down and replied to it, repelling the enemy, but not without loss.

Up to 1.30 P.M., the enemy kept up a very heavy fire on Lieutenant-Colonel Wood's column, whose right was extended into the bush, east of the village of Egginassie. But they made no progress, and soon after half-past one, an advance of the Kossoos and Bonny men of Wood's Regiment drove them away, clearing the flank of the Naval Brigade, and enabling them to complete the discomfiture of the enemy on this flank. By 1.45 P.M. firing had ceased.

At this time heavy firing was heard in rear, and I learnt that another body of the enemy had attacked my entrenched post at Quarman. I sent back part of the Rifle Brigade; but the attack was continued till nightfall, though of course repulsed. Shortly before dark, a large convoy of baggage, which had been parked at Insarfu during the action, and was now ordered on, was fired upon, though accompanied by a large escort. A number of carriers threw down their loads and ran away, and had it not been for the great exertions of Lieutenant-Colonel Colley, whom I have placed in charge of my line of communications, and who recovered much of the baggage during the night, more serious consequences might have ensued than the loss of a

* The sketch to accompany this despatch will be forwarded as soon as possible. It would have been sent with this, but the officer who surveyed the ground has been incessantly on active duty since the action, and it has been impossible for him to complete the sketch.