

present, should accompany the presentation card above referred to, which will be submitted to The Queen for Her Majesty's approbation. It is Her Majesty's command that no presentations shall be made at the Levee, 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 His Royal Highness.

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

HERTFORD,
Lord Chamberlain.

War Office, March 16, 1874.

THE Secretary of State for War has received Despatches and Enclosures, 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:—

Government House, Cape Coast,
February 20, 1874.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to enclose the following Despatches:—

1. Colonel M'Leod, C.B., 42nd Highlanders, reporting the reconnaissance made by him and the force under his command, against the village of Borborassie, on the 29th ultimo.

2. Brigadier-General Sir A. Alison, C.B., reporting the attack made by him upon Becquah on the 1st instant, the defeat of the enemy, and the destruction of the town.

3. Captain A. W. Duncan, R.A., and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Colley, 2nd Queen's reporting the repulse of an attack made upon Fommanah by the Ashantis, on the 2nd instant.

My best thanks are due to Brigadier-General Sir A. Alison and to Colonel M'Leod, for the excellent manner in which they carried out the operations entrusted to them; and to Captain Duncan and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Colley for their energetic defence of the post of Fommanah.

I have, &c.,
G. J. WOLSELEY,
Major-General.

The Right Honourable
The Secretary of State for War,
War Office, London.

Camp Quar-Man,
January, 30, 1874.

SIR,

IN compliance with the instructions received, I marched yesterday, with the force noted in the margin,* to reconnoitre the village of Borborassie, situated on our left flank, and said to contain a large body of the enemy under Essimanquatia, and other Ashanti chiefs.

Striking into the bush path at 8.15 A.M., we marched W.S.W., and at 11 A.M. arrived before the place, taking it quite by surprise. The Ashantis, driven out of the village by our advance, took to the bush on all sides; a party of them came back upon our left flank, and fired on

* 23rd R.W. Fusiliers, 1 Field Officer, 79 non-commissioned Officers and men;—Naval Brigade, 14 Officers, 24 petty Officers and non-commissioned Officers, 195 men;—Rait's Artillery, 2 Rocket Detachments under Lieutenant Knox, R.A.;—Anamaboe Company, 1 European Officer, 57 men.

the Naval Brigade. This attack was brushed away with a few rounds of ammunition.

The village was immediately in our possession, but not without loss on our side.

List of casualties enclosed.

Captain Nicol, commanding the Anamaboe Company of Russell's Regiment, was killed leading his men, with the devotion of a English gentleman, round the right flank of the village.

I estimate the killed of the enemy at 50.

Fifty-three Ashanti muskets were collected.

Twelve kegs of powder, and the umbrella of Essimanquatia were found in the village.

It seems this old chief ran away just before the attack, and so narrowly escaped capture.

The troops after their long march were halted in the village for one hour and refreshed themselves from their havresacks before commencing the return march. On our return the Blue-jackets formed the rear guard. Before quitting the village they broke up the arms which were taken, and blew up the powder.

As soon as ever the Ashantis, lying perdu in the bush, discovered that we had gone, they returned to the village with shouting and blowing of horns.

Presently a body of them came down upon the rear guard and opened fire; the Blue-jackets calmly faced about, and poured amongst them such a fire of Snider bullets as sufficed to rid us of their presence for the rest of the day.

The troops arrived at their camp at Kiang Boosau at 4 P.M.

The discipline and conduct of the Blue-jackets, under Captain Grubbe R.N., who formed the advance and afterwards the rear guard merited my special commendation.

Captain Wood, A.D.C. to the Major-General, accompanied me and did good service; after the loss of Captain Nicol, I placed him in command of the Anamaboes.

I would desire to acknowledge to the Major-General the valuable services rendered by my Staff Officer, Captain Farquharson, V.C., in carrying out all the staff arrangements, which he did to my complete satisfaction. Lieutenant Wauchope, 42nd, was with me throughout the day as my Orderly Officer. My thanks are also due to Lieutenant-Colonel Mostyn, 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who was present with the men of his regiment engaged.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. C. M'LEOD, Colonel,
Commanding 42nd Royal Highlanders.

The Chief of the Staff,
&c. &c. &c.

Camp, Royal Naval Brigade,
Medowma, January 29, 1874.

LIST of Killed and Wounded of Royal Naval Brigade.

Killed.

One man, Fantee carrier, wound of chest.

Wounded.

One petty officer, wound of head; very severe.
One petty officer, wound of chest; very severe.
One petty officer, wound of leg; slight.
One marine, burnt by explosion of gunpowder; severe.

Anamaboe Company, Major Russell's Regiment.

Killed.

Captain Nicol, wound of neck and chest.
One man, wound of head.