

Admiral Sullivan informs me that he proposes to disembark some 390 sailors and marines from the "Shah." I need not say how grateful I am to him for his prompt action in this matter at a critical time.

On their arrival I shall be enabled to push forward a column towards Elkowe; the troops that are now garrisoning Durban and Stanger will move to Lower Tugela, the forts there and the before-referred-to garrisons being given by detachments of the Naval Brigade about to be landed.

I shall be able to form a column as follows:—
40 men H.M.S. "Tenedos,"
2 Companies, The Buffs,
4 Companies, 88th Regiment,
5 Companies, 99th Regiment.
Mounted Corps.—100 Native Scouts,
and, if possible, one Battalion of the Native Contingent; the whole will be placed under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Law, Commanding Royal Artillery.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) CHELMSFORD.
Lieutenant-General.

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