

Inclosure No. 1.
PROCLAMATION.

WE, the English Admiral and General, ask the Sheikhs to come and meet us at Suakim.

We warned you that England had come to relieve Tokar, and that your wrongs, under which you had so long suffered, should be redressed.

You trusted in the notorious scoundrel Osman Digna, who is well known to you all as a bad man; his former life in Suakim has shown it. He has led you away with the foolish idea that the Mahdi had come on earth.

We tell you that the Great God that rules the Universe does not allow such scoundrels as Osman Digna to rule over men.

Your people are weak, and England always spares such people.

Awake, then, out of your delusions. Chase Osman Digna from your country, and we promise that you shall be protected, and pardon granted to all.

Come in at once, or the fate of those who fell at El-Teb will surely overtake you.

W. HEWETT, Rear-Admiral.
G. GRAHAM, Major-General.

5th March, 1884.

Inclosure No. 2.

To the Sheikhs of the Tribes in Arms at Tamanir.

WE, the Admiral of the English Fleet and the General of the English Army assembled at Suakim, hereby summon you to disperse peaceably and return to your homes.

The English Army will march to your camp, in the valley of Tamanib, and will treat any who may be found there in arms as rebels, in the same way as those at Teb were treated.

Be warned in time, and listen no more to the evil counsels of Osman Digna. If you have wrongs to be redressed send delegates to Khartoum to meet Gordon Pasha, who, as you all know is a good and just man.

If you desire to send your delegates to us, we promise to keep them from harm, and to send their statements by telegraph to Gordon Pasha, from whom we can have an answer for you in a day.

We desire you to send a reply by the bearer; or the consequences will be on your own heads.

Inclosure No. 3.
(Translation).

IN the name of the most merciful God, the Lord be praised, the gracious God, pray to the prophet our lord Mohamed and his people.

From the whole of the tribes and the sheikhs who received your writings, and those who did not receive them, to the Commandant of the English soldiers, God help them to Islam. Amen.

Then your letters have arrived with us, and what you have informed us in them to come over (or deliver), then know that the most gracious God has sent his Mahdi suddenly, who was expected, the looked-for messenger for the religious, and against the infidel, so as to show the religion of God through him, which has happened. You may have seen who have gone to him from the people and soldiers, who are countless, God killed them, so look at the multitudes. Verses of the Koran.

You hate God from the beginning who never know religion until after death. Then we are sure that God and God only sent the Mahdi, so as to take away your property, and you know this since the time of our lord Mohamed's coming.

(Pray to him to be converted). There is nothing between us but the sword, especially as the Mahdi has come to kill you unless God wishes you to Islam.

The Mahdi's sword be on your necks wherever you may escape, and God's iron be on your necks wherever you may go.

Do not think that you are enough for us, and the Turks are only a little better than you.

We will not have your heads unless you become Mussulmans and listen to the Prophet and the laws of God. And God said in his dear book, those who believe him fight for him, and those who do not believe him shall be killed. Here follow verses from Koran referring to it being permitted to kill infidels.

Therefore, God has waited for you for a long time, and you have thought that he would always go on waiting for you. God said he would wait for you as you were bad people; but, know that during the time of the Mahdi, he will not accept bribes from you, and also will not leave you in your infidelity, so there is nothing for you but the sword, so that there will not remain one of you on the face of the earth. Therefore, Islam.

Sealed by the Sheikhs of the following tribes:—Hahalab, Samelab, Humdab, Omrah, Abdel Rahnamab, Bischariab, Shebidinab, Sherab, Meshab, Samarab, Gidab, Mohamed el Amim, Ahmed el Kuliabi, Sheikh of Khorahad, and eight other Sheikhs.

ALF. B. BREWSTER.

Sub-Governor, &c.

The original is returned herewith.

A. B. B.

Admiralty, March 26, 1884.

A DESPATCH and its Enclosures, of which the following are copies, have been received from Rear-Admiral Sir William Hewett, V.C., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies, dated on board of Her Majesty's Ship "Euryalus," 13th March, 1884, at Suakin:—

"Euryalus," at Suakin,

March 13, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to request that you will lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the following report on the proceedings of the squadron of Her Majesty's ships under my command, in connection with the expedition for the relief of Tokar, and on the duties which devolved on the officers and men during the landing and subsequent re-embarkation of Her Majesty's troops.

1. On account of the difficulties of navigating amongst the surrounding reefs, except during the hours of daylight, I considered it advisable to arrange a rendezvous for the troopships and transports off Ras Makdah, an anchorage distant three miles from the port of disembarkation, which proved most convenient.

2. On the 23rd February, during my absence at Trinkatat, Major-General Sir Gerald Graham, V.C., K.C.B., who had been appointed to command the expedition, arrived at Suakin. On the following day I returned to Trinkatat in the "Sphinx," accompanied by the General and his staff; on my arrival there the disembarkation of the troops had already commenced.

3. Owing to the stranding and subsequent loss of the transport "Neera," a number of dhows and lighters, intended to assist in the disembarkation, did not arrive at Trinkatat till a day later than they should have done, thus causing some delay.