

He has been very ably and zealously assisted in these duties by Brigadier-General Butler, C.B., A.D.C., whose clear head, cool sound judgment, quick intelligence, and intimate knowledge of his duties thoroughly qualify him for high command.

Colonel Huyshe, C.B., Royal Berkshire Regiment, who commanded the 2nd Brigade, has fully justified my expectations; from his coolness in the field, quickness, and thorough knowledge of his duties I consider he will make an excellent Brigadier.

The Adjutant-General's Department was well represented by Colonel Ardagh, C.B., Royal Engineers, and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Murray, Royal Irish Fusiliers. The former rendered valuable assistance throughout the day, and the services of Lieutenant-Colonel Murray, who has been in charge of this department in the Frontier Force until Colonel Ardagh's arrival at Akasheh on the 27th December last, have been conspicuous for unremitting application to duty and an intimate knowledge of its details.

I am anxious to bring under your special notice the very valuable services rendered by Lieutenant-Colonel Colville, C.B., Grenadier Guards, in charge of the Intelligence Department. It is to the untiring zeal he has displayed in collecting information, and the able manner in which he has organized his department, that I am indebted for the valuable guidance I have received in regulating the defence of the frontier.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hebbert, R.A., who commands the Artillery, English and Egyptian, has proved himself an excellent officer in the field, zealous and very competent; and under him Major Wodehouse, R.A., senior officer of Egyptian troops on the field, and in charge of the Camel Battery upon this occasion, displayed, as usual, activity and energy and great efficiency as an Artillery Officer.

Deputy Surgeon-General Lithgow, Medical Staff, made all the preliminary medical arrangements for the assembly of the troops at the front, and for the advance against the enemy, to my entire satisfaction, fully justifying confidence in him as a Principal Medical Officer.

Lieutenant-Colonel Skinner, Assistant Commissary-General, Commissariat and Transport Staff, and Major Wintle, Assistant Commissary-General of Ordnance, Ordnance Store Department, have shown great energy and intelligence in providing the necessary supplies for the troops, and are well qualified to be entrusted with their present responsibilities as heads of their departments in the field.

I should also mention the name of Colonel St. Leger, commanding Cameron Highlanders, who though not actually on the field on the morning of the 30th, had nevertheless for the five preceding weeks held command of the important post of Kosheh during a trying time, and on the morning of the 30th itself assisted the advance of the Cameron Highlanders and detachment Black battalion by a well directed fire from the fort.

As regards my own personal Staff, I venture to bring to your favourable notice Major Gordon Money, Cameron Highlanders, and Lieutenant Romilly, Scots Guards; the former, ever since he has been upon my Staff, has shown great ability, quick intelligence, and close application to his work, and makes an excellent Assistant Military Secretary. The latter has, by his intelligence, professional acquirements, and intimate knowledge of Soudanese warfare (this being his third campaign against the Soudanese), proved himself an excellent Aide-de-Camp.

To both these officers I am indebted for much

valuable assistance during the time they have been upon my Staff, and especially since I have taken the field.

The Rev. R. Brindle, Roman Catholic Chaplain, Chaplains' Department, displayed his usual zeal upon this occasion, being present during the action, and welcome to all for his coolness under fire and popularity with all ranks.

I have, &c.,

FREDK. STEPHENSON,
Lieut.-General, Commanding in Egypt.

War Office, February 2, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to give orders for the following promotions in and appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:

To be Ordinary Members of the Civil Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Most Honourable Order, viz. :—

The Right Honourable Frederick Arthur Stanley, M.P., one of Her Majesty's Aides-de-Camp.

The Right Honourable Sir Edward Baldwin Malet, K.C.B., Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Berlin.

To be Ordinary Members of the Civil Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Honourable Order, viz. :—

Colonel James Fraser, C.B., Commissioner of Police for the City of London.

William Stuart Walker, Esq., C.B., Chairman of the Board of Supervision for the Relief of the Poor, and of Public Health, Scotland.

Francis Brockman Morley, Esq., Chairman of the Middlesex Quarter Sessions, Exon of Her Majesty's Royal Body Guard of Yeomen of the Guard.

To be Ordinary Members of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order, viz. :—

John Bramston, Esq., D.C.L., Assistant Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

Ralph Dalryell, Esq., of the War Office.

Adolphus Warburton Moore, Esq., late Assistant Political Secretary, India Office.

The Honourable Edward Pierson Thesiger, Secretary of Presentations, House of Lords.

Edward Dicey, Esq., for services rendered in Egypt.

George Glynn Petre, Esq., Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Lisbon.

Colonel Charles Edward Stewart, C.M.G., C.I.E., Bengal Staff Corps, for services on the Afghan Frontier.

Edwin Henry Egerton, Esq., late Acting Agent and Consul-General in Egypt.

*The Prince of Wales's Council Chamber,
Buckingham Gate, February 9, 1886.*

HIS Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal of the Duchy of Cornwall, appointing Charles Ebenezer Treffry, of Place Castle, Esq., Sheriff of the county of Cornwall.

Whitehall, February 6, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting unto the Reverend John Gott, D.D., the Deanery of Her Majesty's Cathedral Church of Worcester, void by the promotion of Doctor Alwyne Compton (commonly called Lord Alwyne Compton) to the See of Ely.