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The following Despatches have been received by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:—

No. 1.

Acting Commissioner Jackson to the Marquess of Lansdowne.—(Received February 5, 1902.)  
(No. 283. Uganda.)

Entebbe, Uganda,  
December 23, 1901.

MY LORD,  
I have the honour to forward herewith Major Delmé-Radcliffe's Report on the recently concluded Lango expedition against the remnant of the Soudanese mutineers, and certain sections of the Lango people, who have been a constant source of trouble to the Administration.

From Colonel Coles' covering Despatch it will be observed that Delmé-Radcliffe has conducted the operation to his entire satisfaction, and I have much pleasure in adding my own high appreciation of his services, not only in this matter, but from the time he entered the Nile Province, and assumed both civil and military control of it.

The accuracy of the information Major Delmé-Radcliffe was able to obtain regarding the whereabouts of the various sections of the mutineers after they had once scattered, and in several instances had committed cold-blooded murders in order to overawe the natives into silence as to their position is, I think, a very noteworthy feature. It is generally found that unreliable information, or no information at all, is one of the greatest difficulties that a field force in these parts has to contend with, and it has, in more than one instance, been the cause of a punitive force returning in despair after accomplishing very little or nothing at all. Major Delmé-Radcliffe, however, has availed himself of every possible opportunity offered for gaining an intimate knowledge of the Nile Province and the people, and he has been so signally successful in winning the confidence of all the tribes he has had dealings with that I consider the accuracy of the information which enabled him to be so constantly in close touch with the mutineers, who were scarcely given a moment's rest, is the most conclusive evidence of the remarkable influence

he has gained over the people through his tact, firmness, and justice. His reputation throughout the whole of the Nile Province is unique.

I should like to point out that when Major Delmé-Radcliffe took over both military and civil charge of the Province, a little more than two years ago, the position of affairs was most unsatisfactory, and at one time there were always rumours of an impending general rising of the tribes. The whole country was closed to traders, and no one could move about without an escort. All this is now changed: the country has been opened up and a brisk trade has arisen, and is being taken advantage of by Indians, Arabs, and others, and it is now quite safe for even small caravans to move about in most parts of the Province practically unarmed.

I submit to your Lordship that great credit is due to Major Delmé-Radcliffe for such a satisfactory condition of affairs.

The complete success of his recent operations will no doubt have a still further quieting effect, and I venture to hope that by his untiring efforts to promote the interests of the Administration, he may be considered to have justly earned your Lordship's appreciation.

I also have the honour to call your Lordship's attention for favourable consideration to the eulogy by Major Delmé-Radcliffe, and so cordially endorsed by Colonel Coles, on the good work done by Captains Petrie and Harman and by Doctor Bagshawe, throughout the whole of the operations.

A special Report on an act of great gallantry by Captain Petrie has already been forwarded to your Lordship. Captain Harman has now been two years in the Nile Province, and, quite apart from his military duties, has been Acting Collector at Nimule for over a year. During this time he has, single handed and without clerical assistance, done excellent work in a civil capacity and has won the confidence of the people, and has acquired an influence over them that will be of the very greatest assistance to the civil administration when the time comes for the whole Province to be controlled by the Sub-Commissioner.