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WAR-DEPARTMENT, March 8, 1855.

LORD PANMURE has this day received Despatches and Enclosures, of which the following are Copies, addressed to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, and to His Lordship, by Field-Marshal the Lord Raglan, G.C.B.:—

*Before Sevastopol,
February 20, 1855.*

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace will have learnt by my Telegraphic Despatch of the 18th inst., that the enemy had on the previous morning, at daylight, attacked Eupatoria with a very large force, and a powerful body of artillery, and had been repulsed, after an engagement which terminated with their retirement at 10 A.M.

I have now the honour to lay before your Grace copies of two Letters which I have received from Colonel Simmons, who is attached to the head-quarters of Omer Pasha, containing the details of the action; and, whilst your Grace will rejoice to see that the Turkish troops which have been landed at Eupatoria have availed themselves of the earliest opportunity to show that the character they acquired on the Danube was well merited and remained unimpaired, you will join in the regret which I feel that they have suffered so considerable a loss, and that among the killed is numbered the General of Division, Selim Pasha (an Egyptian), and among the wounded a General of Brigade, also an Egyptian.

This loss, however, and particularly that sustained by a battery of artillery, afford ample proof of the gallant and determined conduct of the troops, and of the serious nature of the attack made upon them, as well as of their being worthy of their illustrious chief.

I have great satisfaction in drawing your Grace's attention to that part of Lieutenant-Colonel Simmons' Despatch in which he bears testimony to the efficient assistance rendered to the Ottoman army by Her Majesty's ships in the bay, under the command of the Honourable Captain Hastings, of the Curaçoa.

I have, &c.,

RAGLAN.

*His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,
&c. &c. &c.*

*Eupatoria, February 17, 1855,
1 P.M.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that on the 15th instant several large convoys and arrivals of troops were seen moving along the north shore of the Sasik Putrid Lake, from the eastward.

This movement on the part of the enemy caused Omer Pasha to place the garrison on the alert. No further movement, however, was seen yesterday on the part of the enemy; but this morning, at daylight, they advanced in great force, and opened with artillery upon the entrenchments which enclose the town. The advanced line of works, which I informed your Lordship it was his Highness's intention to erect, were not yet commenced.

The enemy's artillery opened their fire about twelve hundred yards from the place, covered by skirmishers, and supported by heavy masses of infantry in their rear, and cavalry on their flanks. The artillery subsequently took up a second position more in advance, about four hundred yards from a small crown work which is being erected in front of the mills to the north-east of the town, and after continuing their fire for some time, the infantry advanced to the attack, having formed under the cover of a wall about six hundred yards from the right of the town. They were repulsed at this point, leaving from 150 to 200 dead on the field. On other points of the field a number of horses were left dead, but the killed men were removed. At length, about 10 A.M., the whole force retired, covered by the artillery and cavalry.

I am not able as yet to ascertain the number of men engaged, but I should think there were not less than 40,000 of all arms, with a very powerful artillery.

As many as sixty of the enemy's guns must have been firing at one time, amongst them some 32-pounders. Prisoners report that they were accompanied by 100 guns. As yet all the particulars I have been able positively to ascertain is, that Liprandi's division (the 12th) was present.

At present I understand that they are in position about five miles north from this, their left leaning on the Sasik Putrid Lake.

It is with much pleasure I have to inform your Lordship that the portion of Her Majesty's Fleet, under the Honourable Captain Hastings, have