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WAR-DEPARTMENT, August 1, 1855.

LORD PANMURE has this day received a Despatch and its Enclosures, of which the following are Copies, addressed to his Lordship by Lieutenant-General Simpson, Commanding Her Majesty's Forces in the East:—

*Before Sevastopol,
July 21, 1855.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE great pleasure to inform your Lordship that the health of the Army has greatly improved; cholera has nearly disappeared, and although more sickness has appeared amongst the Officers, it is not of that character to cause uneasiness.

With reference to the exterior Army, the Russians hold their strong position on the Mackenzie Heights, extending by Aitodor to Albat, with advanced posts by Chouli, Ogenbash, and the strong range of heights overhanging Urkusta and the Valley of Baidar. It is reported they have also a force of artillery and infantry at Alupka. The French have pushed forward the whole of their cavalry into the Valley of Baidar, resting upon the Sardinians, upon the left bank of the Souhai river, and communicating with the French upon the Tchernaya, whilst the high ridge protecting Balaklava is guarded by the Turkish Army.

I purpose sending four squadrons of light cavalry into the Valley of Baidar to-morrow, to protect and afford convoys to the commissariat, for the purpose of bringing in forage and supplies for the use of the Army.

Major-General Markham arrived on the 19th instant, and, agreeable to the instructions conveyed in your Lordship's telegraphic message, I have appointed him to the command of the 2d Division.

Sir Stephen Lushington, K.C.B., having been promoted to the rank of Admiral, has been relieved in the command of the Naval Brigade, by Captain Honourable Henry Keppel. I take this opportunity of recording my sense of the ability and zeal with which he has throughout conducted his arduous and responsible situation of commanding the Naval Brigade, which has rendered such excellent service in our batteries.

I beg also to report to your Lordship that Mr Commissary-General Filder has been obliged to relinquish the command of his important department, and will have to return to England upon the recommendation of a Medical Board.

I inclose the List of Casualties to the 19th instant.

I have, &c.,

JAMES SIMPSON,
Lieutenant-General Commanding.

The Lord Panmure, &c., &c., &c.

Enclosure 1.

Supplementary Numerical Return of Casualties on 7th June 1855.

Land Transport Corps—1 Officer wounded.

W. L. PAKENHAM, Lieut.-Colonel,
Acting Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 2.

Supplementary Nominal Return of an Officer serving in the Crimea, who was WOUNDED.

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7th June 1855.

LAND TRANSPORT CORPS.

Captain Charles Hudson, severe contusion.

W. L. PAKENHAM, Lieut.-Colonel,
Acting Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 3.

Numerical Return of Casualties from the 16th to the 19th of July 1855, inclusive.

3d Battalion Grenadier Guards—1 rank and file, wounded.

1st Battalion Coldstream Guards—3 rank and file, wounded.

1st Battalion Scots Fusilier Guards—2 rank and file, wounded.

1st Battalion 1st Regiment of Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.

2d Battalion 1st Regiment of Foot—1 rank and file, killed; 3 rank and file, wounded.

7th Foot—2 rank and file, wounded.

17th Foot—1 rank and file, wounded.

18th Foot—1 rank and file, killed; 2 rank and file, wounded.

