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WAR-DEPARTMENT, November 1, 1855.

LORD PANMURE has this day received a Despatch and its Enclosures, of which the following are Copies, addressed to his Lordship by General Sir James Simpson, G.C.B. :—

MY LORD, *Sevastopol, October 20, 1855.*

I AM happy to be able to congratulate your Lordship on the successful termination of the expedition to Kinbourn. I transmit a copy of the Report of Brigadier-General the Honourable A. Spencer. This contains all the information I have received on the operations, with the exception that, in a private note, Sir E. Lyons mentions that the enemy have exploded the three forts at Ochakoff, commanding the northern entrance into the Dnieper.

In consequence of the continued fineness of the weather, great progress has been made in the construction of the road and railway. The Divisions have all got some weeks' supply of rations in their camp; and I entertain no anxiety of there being a scarcity of anything during the approaching winter.

I informed your Lordship, in my Despatch of the 13th instant, that the Highland Division, under Lieutenant-General Sir Colin Campbell, were to proceed to Eupatoria, and co-operate with the French; but upon the receipt of your telegraphic Despatch of the 13th instant, apprising me that the Russians had resolved to hazard a battle, and attack the Allies, I did not consider myself justified in weakening the force under my command by so many men, and I therefore countermanded the movement.

I have the honour to enclose the Weekly Reports of Colonel McMurdo and Dr Hall.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JAMES SIMPSON,
General Commanding.

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

Enclosure 1.

*Camp before Kinbourn,
October 17, 1855.*

SIR,

In reporting, for the information of the General Commanding the Forces, the fall of the garrison of the Fortress of Kinbourn, this day, I have the

honour to state that the force under my command, as per state enclosed,* effected their landing on Monday, the 15th, unopposed.

Owing to a heavy surf, and which continued all day yesterday, the landing has been accomplished with some little difficulty. The troops, however, were all got on shore on the first day, and have since been employed in entrenching our position. There are rumours of a force of the enemy collecting at Kherson, about 40 miles from here, but our immediate neighbourhood appears to be clear.

The advanced line of the position, flanked on both sides by the sea, is held by the force under my command, and is about a mile in extent.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) AUGUSTUS SPENCER,
Brigadier-General Commanding English
Land Force.

The Military Secretary, &c., Head-Quarters.

Enclosure 2.

*Head-Quarters, Land Transport Camp,
Crimea, October 15, 1855.*

WEEKLY REPORT.—No. 16.

THE arrivals during the week have been limited to railway horses. 19 landed from Her Majesty's ship Assistance, and 79 from the steam-transport Arabia.

Each vessel lost a horse on the passage; but on the whole they have arrived in fair condition.

I have had them put under cover; and hope, with care, to have them in working order in the course of a week.

The work of ballasting is progressing favourably, and as many waggons and teams are supplied for this service as are required, without much prejudice to the ordinary demands.

The precautions taken by Mr Beatty are likely to be effectual in securing the line for the winter; and I only regret that the state of this able engineer's health will compel him to relinquish his work for a while. He will leave it in able hands however. Mr Campbell has served with Mr Beatty from the beginning, and is now actively engaged in carrying out his plans upon the line.

* 1st Brigade, 4th Division; Royal Marines, 1,200 men, rank and file; Royal Engineers, Artillery, and detachment of Cavalry.

