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WAR-DEPARTMENT, November 8, 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. :—

*Sevastopol,
October 27, 1855.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit a copy of a letter I have received from Brigadier-General the Honourable A. Spencer, informing me of the return of the force under his command to Kinburn, after having made a short reconnoissance.

As it has been decided that the French will garrison the Fort, the English troops will return here, and I expect them about the 3d November.

I have to report the arrival, on the 25th instant, of a detachment of prisoners, to the number of 132, from Odessa, where the greatest part of them arrived on the 24th September.

Amongst them is Lieutenant James, of the Royal Engineers, who was taken on the night of the 2d of July; he has been kept at Reazan, and reports having been very well treated by the Russians.

The prisoners have been kept at Voronetz on the Don, and, when they left, there were only two remaining, who were sick, and fifty-one deserters. I transmit the nominal list of the men.

The force from Eupatoria, under the command of General D'Allonville, made a reconnoissance on the 22d instant. They fell in with a large force of the enemy and offered them battle. The Russians, however, retreated before them after an exchange of a few rounds with the Horse Artillery.

I beg to enclose a copy of the report of Brigadier-General Lord George Paget, in command of the English cavalry at that place.

I have the honour to report the departure of all the Turkish force that were here, for Asia, with the exception of some Artillery, which has been transferred to the Contingent.

The weather continues magnificent, and the health of the troops all that can be desired.

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

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

Enclosure 1.

Kinburn, October 24, 1855.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, that the troops under my command, as per margin,* returned yesterday evening from the reconnoissance they made in company with the French Army.

The force left Kinburn on the 20th instant, bivouacked that night and the following at the village of Patowffka (8 miles), proceeded from thence to the village Schadoffka, which the Allies burnt. A good many farms, all deserted, and a great quantity of hay were also destroyed.

On our return yesterday about 250 of the enemy's cavalry menaced our rear.

The troops are very healthy.

At a conference held to-day, it has been determined that the Fort of Kinburn is to be occupied for the winter by French troops, and it is expected that the English troops will embark for the Crimea on the 1st of November.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) A. SPENCER,
Brigadier-General.

*The Military Secretary,
Head-Quarters, Crimea.*

Enclosure 2.

Nominal Return of Prisoners of War, conveyed from Odessa, by steam-ship Collumbo, and Her Majesty's ship.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Taken at Sevastopol, July 2, 1855.

Lieutenant Edward R. James

4TH LIGHT DRAGOONS.

Taken at Balaklava, October 25, 1854.

Trumpet-Major Hugh Crawford
Corporal Joseph Armstrong
Private James Bagshaw
James Bolton
Robert Farquharson
Charles Fredericks
Thomas King

* Escort of Cavalry; 4 Guns; 17th, 20th, 57th, 63d Regiments; 2 Battalions of the Royal Marines.

