

A Return of Officers and Men of Her Majesty's ships Vesuvius, Curlew, Ardent, and Weser, detached and employed destroying the enemy's resources in Gheish-Liman, during the 4th, 5th, and 6th November 1855.

VESUVIUS.

Gig—Captain S. Osborn, Senior Officer; Mr G. D. Perry, Acting Master.

Rocket Boat—Lieutenant Chetham Strode; Mr Joseph Scott, Gunner.

Paddle-box Boat—Mr R. R. Armstrong, Mate.

Paddle-box Boat—Mr Gilbert King, Assistant-Surgeon; Mr R. D. Farquharson, Midshipman.

Boats' crews, all small-arm men and Marines.

CURLEW.

Gig—Commander J. J. Kennedy.

Pinnace—Lieutenant Mayne.

Gig—Lieutenant Miall.

Pinnace—Mr George Morant, Midshipman.

All small-arm men and Marines.

ARDENT.

Cutter, Rocket Boat, and Gig—Lieutenant Campion; Mr Verey, Acting Gunner.

20 Blue-jackets and 11 Marines.

WESER.

11 Marines belonging to Weser.

(Signed) SHERARD OSBORN,
Captain and Senior Officer.

In consideration of the services mentioned in the above Despatches, Commander John James Kennedy will be promoted to the rank of Captain, so soon as he shall be qualified; and Lieutenant Hubert Campion has been promoted to the rank of Commander.

INVESTITURE OF HIS MAJESTY VICTOR EMMANUEL, KING OF SARDINIA, with the Ensigns of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

At the Court at Windsor Castle, December 5, 1855.

A CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned for this day, the following Knights Companions, in their mantles and collars, assembled in the Guard Chamber; viz.—the Marquess of Exeter, the Duke of Richmond, the Marquess of Lansdowne, the Duke of Cleveland, Earl De Grey, the Marquess of Abercorn, the Marquess Camden, the Earl of Clarendon, Earl Spencer, Earl Fitzwilliam, the Duke of Northumberland, the Earl of Carlisle, the Earl of Ellesmere, and the Earl of Aberdeen, attended by the under mentioned Officers of the Order, in their mantles, chains, and badges; viz.: the Bishop of Winchester, Prelate; the Bishop of Oxford, Chancellor; the Honourable and Reverend the Dean of Windsor, Register; Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms; and Sir Augustus William James Clifford, Baronet, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. At three o'clock the Knights Companions were severally called over by Garter, and proceeded into the Grand Reception Room, when the Sovereign, His Royal Highness the Prince Albert, and His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, having passed to the Throne Room, the Knights Companions, with the Officers of the Order, proceeded into the presence of the Sovereign.

The Sovereign being seated in Her Chair of State, the Knights Companions took their respective seats at the table, the Prelate standing on the right hand of the Sovereign, the Chancellor on the left hand, the Register, Garter, and Black Rod at the bottom of the table.

The Chancellor then, by command of the Sovereign, promulgated a new Statute, dispensing with the existing Statutes of the Order, in so far as required for the especial purpose therein mentioned, and ordaining and declaring His Majesty, Victor Emmanuel, King of Sardinia, a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, any statute, decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert and His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, the two Senior Knights Companions present, thereupon retired from the Chapter, and conducted the King of Sardinia from His Majesty's Apartments to the Chapter Room, between their Royal Highnesses, preceded by Garter (bearing the Ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion) and by Black Rod.

On entering the Chapter Room, His Majesty was received by the Sovereign and the Knights Companions standing, and on approaching the Sovereign was seated in a Chair of State on the right hand of Her Majesty.

The Sovereign announced to the King of Sardinia that His Majesty had been declared a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Garter then, kneeling, presented the Garter to the Sovereign, and Her Majesty, assisted by His Royal Highness Prince Albert and His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, buckled it on the left leg of His Majesty, the Chancellor pronouncing the Admonition.

Garter next presented in like manner the Ribband with the George, and the Sovereign, assisted as before, put the same over the left shoulder of His Majesty, the Chancellor pronouncing the Admonition.

The Sovereign thereupon gave the Accolade to the King of Sardinia, and His Majesty then received the congratulations of each of the Knights Companions present, and resumed his seat.

The Chapter being ended, the Knights Companions were severally called over by Garter, and, with the Officers of the Order, retired from the presence of the Sovereign with the usual reverences.

During the ceremony a Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at Arms was in attendance at the door of the Chapter Room; and a special Guard of Honour of the Honourable Corps was on duty in attendance upon His Majesty the King of Sardinia. A Guard of Honour of the Grenadiers, with the Band of the Regiment, was on duty in the Great Quadrangle of the Castle.

The Marquess D'Azeglio, Sardinian Minister, together with the following members of His Majesty's suite, viz.—Le Comte de Cavour, Le Duc Pasqua, Le Chevalier Maxime D'Azeglio, Le Chevalier Nigra, Major-Gen. Le Comte Morozzo de la Rocca, Major-Gen. Le Chevalier Luserna D'Angrogna, Major-Gen. Le Chevalier Carderina, Le Chevalier Riberi, Colonel Le Chevalier Cigala, Capt. Le Comte De Persan, Capt. Le Comte De Barone, and Capt. Le Comte de Robilant, witnessed the august ceremony.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Kent, the Duchess of Cambridge, and the Princess Mary of Cambridge, several of the Great Officers of State