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WAR-DEPARTMENT, December 18, 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 William Codrington, K.C.B.

Sevastopol, December 4, 1855.

MY LORD,

THE enemy continue to fire occasionally, and sometimes heavily, on parts of the town. They must have expended a considerable quantity of valuable ammunition without causing us any loss or inconvenience. The enclosed Casualty Return is the first of the sort I have had occasion to report to your Lordship.

It may seem unimportant to refer to the state of roads and weather here, but their condition affects the essential communications and well-being of the army. The winter broke upon us suddenly on the 26th and 27th with snow, and has varied with gales and rain; and a very deep state of the ground has damaged all communications.

Constant presence of labourers and constant attention are requisite, and are being given to the road, which, from a peculiarity of soil and condition, was worked into holes, but which is and will continue to be of the greatest service to the army and its supplies.

I have, &c.,

W. J. CODRINGTON,
General Commanding.

P.S.—I beg leave also to forward the weekly report of Dr Hall, the principal Medical Officer, by which your Lordship will perceive that the general state of health of the army continues favourable.

W. J. CODRINGTON,
General Commanding.

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

Enclosure 1.

Numerical Return of Casualties on 1st December 1855.

7th Regiment of Foot—1 Officer Wounded, by bursting of a shell in Sevastopol.

W. L. PAKENHAM,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 2.

Nominal Return of Casualties on 1st December 1855.

WOUNDED.

1st December 1855.

7TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

Captain Lord R. Browne, slightly, by bursting of a shell in Sevastopol.

W. L. PAKENHAM,
Adjutant-General.

Enclosure 3.

*Head-Quarters, Camp Crimea,
December 4, 1855.*

SIR,

I AM glad to be able to point out a continuance of the favourable state of health of the army.

The weather has been boisterous, wet, cold, and changeable, which has occasioned an increase of catarrhal affections, and added some cases of catarrhal ophthalmia to our list; but the admissions under this head have decreased nearly one-half during the present week, and it is to be hoped, by care and removal of those labouring under the complaint to the Monastery, that the disease will not extend.

There has been a decrease in the number of admissions from fever, but an increase of mortality, confined chiefly to the Land Transport Corps, as 14 out of the 19 deaths that occurred during the week took place in that branch of the service alone. This corps has a heavier sick list than any division of the Army, which is not to be wondered at, as many of the Europeans have recently arrived in the country, and are not yet acclimated, and the natives bear fatigue, and the vicissitudes of weather, like that which we now have, but ill.

The following show the ratios of sickness and mortality during the week:—

	per cent.
The admissions to strength have been	2.01
Deaths to strength	0.07
Exclusive of Land Transport	0.04
Sick to well	2.06
Exclusive of wounds and injuries	1.90

J. HALL,
Inspector-General of Hospitals.

General Sir William Codrington, K.C.B.,
Commanding-in-Chief.

