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WAR-DEPARTMENT, March 10, 1856.

LORD PANMURE has this day received a Despatch, and its Enclosure, of which the following are Copies, addressed to his Lordship, by General Sir William Codrington, K.C.B.

Sevastopol, February 26, 1856.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that a large portion of the infantry of the English Army paraded, on the 24th instant, on the ridge of the plateau overlooking the plain of Balaklava, where the ground had become sufficiently dry for the purpose.

The troops were formed, by divisions, in a line of contiguous columns of battalions at quarter distance, extending for nearly a mile, and marched past at half distance.

They were subsequently formed on a slope to the rear of the original line, in masses of columns by divisions, and again marched past in quarter distance.

The day was fine, but cold, and the general appearance, cleanliness, and steadiness of the troops afforded all the utmost satisfaction, for the men looked in the finest health and vigour.

Marshal Péliissier, General Durando, and a large number of officers of the French and Sardinian Armies were observers of the fine bearing and efficiency of the troops.

I enclose the Weekly Report of Sir John Hall, Inspector-General of Hospitals, in which your Lordship will see recorded the excellent state of health of the Army generally.

I have, &c.,

W. J. CODRINGTON,
General Commanding.

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

Enclosure.

*Head-Quarters, Camp, Crimea,
February 25, 1856.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to enclose the weekly state of sick to the 23d instant, and it affords me great satisfaction to be able to report not only a continuance of the excellent health which the Army has enjoyed for some time past, but that no death from disease has occurred during the week.

I believe one or two deaths from accidents took place out of hospital; but for an army of this strength, on service in the field, to have lost no man by disease for a whole week, is a remarkable circumstance; and when it is taken into consideration that only fourteen men have died in three weeks, little need be said about the character of the diseases that have been prevalent in camp; and as the ratio of sick to well is only four and a quarter per cent., the sanitary condition of the Army may fairly, I think, be pronounced satisfactory.

Some of the divisions of the army have enjoyed unusually good health of late; for instance, the Highland Division at Kamara has had only one death for five weeks, out of a strength of 4,860 men.

In the Third Division in camp no man has died for twenty-eight days, out of a strength of 6,450; and in the Light Division no death has occurred for a fortnight, out of a strength of 6,460.

This favourable state of things does not, I am sorry to say, apply to the Land Transport, in which there is still a considerable amount of sickness amongst the young lads who have been sent out of late. I have, &c.,

JOHN HALL,
Inspector-General of Hospitals.

*General Sir William Codrington, K.C.B.,
Commander of the Forces.*

WHITEHALL, March 9, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Thomas, Earl of Kenmare, of that part of the said United Kingdom called Ireland, and the heirs-male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Baron Kenmare, of Castlerosse, in the County of Kerry.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, January 15, 1856.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint William Dougal Christie, Esq. now Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Argentine Confederation, to be Her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Argentine Confederation.

