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WAR-DEPARTMENT, April 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, March 25, 1856.

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith, for your Lordship's information, the weekly report of the health of the Army.

I have, &c.

W. J. CODRINGTON,
General Commanding.

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

Enclosure.

*Head-Quarters, Camp, Crimea,
March 24, 1856.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to enclose the weekly return of sick to the 22d instant, and it is gratifying to be able to state that notwithstanding the recent arrival of several drafts of recruits, and the cold winds which have prevailed from the N. and N.E. during the whole of the past week, the increase of admissions into hospital has only been a small fraction higher than it was last week, and the mortality has fallen nearly one-third.

Even in the Land Transport Corps the health of the men has been more satisfactory; and although there has been no decrease in the number of admissions during the week, the mortality has fallen more than one-half.

Taking the whole force in the Crimea, including Land Transport Corps, Army Works Corps, and Medical Staff Corps, the admissions to strength have only been in the ratio of 2.41 per cent.; deaths to strength 0.02 per cent.; and sick to well, 4.41 per cent. Last week they were respectively, 2.15, 0.04, 4.29.

Of the 16 deaths which occurred in the whole force serving in the Crimea, seven took place in the Land Transport alone; and out of the 16, three, I am sorry to observe, were from the direct effects of drunkenness; and in how many other cases that vice may have been the exciting cause of disease, it is impossible to say. But with all

these defects and drawbacks, the health of the army, according to the ratios given above, may be fairly said to be in a very satisfactory state.

The troops stationed at Kertch are equally healthy, and no casualty had occurred there during the week ending 14th March, which is the latest date up to which I have received returns from the senior medical officer there.

The Cavalry Division in the Bosphorus is also very healthy, and only two deaths had occurred in it during the week ending 14th March.

Taking the sick of the whole British force in Turkey, both in general and regimental hospitals, the ratio of deaths to strength has only been 0.03 per cent., and the ratio of sick to well 6.09 per cent.

I have, &c.,

J. HALL,
Inspector-General of Hospitals.

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

[Erratum in London Gazette of the 5th October 1855.]

30TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

For, Lieutenant *Saunders*, read, Lieutenant *Sanders*.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 9th day of April 1856,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Her Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Francis, Earl of Ellesmere, to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county palatine of Lancaster, his Lordship this day took the oaths appointed to be taken thereupon instead of the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.

WHITEHALL, April 9, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint George Skene Duff, Esq. to be Lieutenant and Sheriff Principal of the shire of Elgin, in the room of James Duff, Esq. resigned.

