

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Wilts.

Royal Wilts Militia.

Lieutenant Bartholomew Mahon to be Captain, vice Robinson, resigned. Dated 17th May 1859.

Ensign Henry Edwards to be Lieutenant, vice Blennerhassett, resigned. Dated 17th May 1859.

Ensign Edward John Hayward to be Lieutenant, vice Mahon, promoted. Dated 18th May 1859.

Ensign Thomas Holman to be Lieutenant, vice Shaw, resigned. Dated 19th May 1859.

Waterford Militia Artillery.

MEMORANDUM.

The promotion of Second Lieutenant W. Briscoe to be First Lieutenant, vice O'Connor, resigned, is to bear date the 14th, instead of the 12th April 1859, as notified in the Gazette of 22d April 1859.

Dated this 25th day of May 1859.

W. J. DENNEHY,

Clerk of the Peace, County of Waterford.

WHITEHALL, May 27, 1859.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by William David, Earl of Mansfield, K.T., Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Thomas Henry Sutton Sotheron Estcourt, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been by him presented to the Queen, which Address Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please your Majesty,

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in this General Assembly, have received with profound respect and gratitude the gracious letter which your Majesty has been pleased to address to us, expressive of the lively interest always evinced by your Majesty in the welfare of the Church of Scotland, and of the satisfaction with which your Majesty contemplated the approach of our present meeting.

We humbly thank your Majesty for the expression of your gracious approval of the manner in which our past proceedings have been conducted, and of the consideration which measures of the highest importance have received at our hands. We desire respectfully to assure your Majesty of our utmost endeavour to promote the interests of the Church committed to our care; and we do most fervently unite in your Majesty's earnest prayer, that, by the blessing of God, our counsels may tend to the improvement of the moral and spiritual condition of your Majesty's faithful subjects of Scotland.

It is with the profoundest gratitude that we have received the assurance of your Majesty's continued resolution to uphold and support the rights and privileges of our Church, as by law established, and of your Majesty's confidence in our efforts to promote the cause of the Protestant religion, and also in our loyalty and attachment to your royal person and authority.

Fully assured of the many excellent qualities of the Right Honourable the Earl of Mansfield, and having had experience of his ability and eminent judgment, as well as of his prudence and courtesy in the discharge of the important duties which your Majesty has been pleased to entrust to his care,

we again most gladly receive him as the representative of your Majesty's royal person.

We receive with deep gratitude your Majesty's Royal Warrant for two thousand pounds, for the extension of the Reformed Religion in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and we shall earnestly study to apply this munificent gift to the purposes for which it has hitherto been specially destined.

That the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ may grant unto your Majesty a long and prosperous reign, and bestow upon your Majesty, the Prince Consort, the Prince of Wales, and the other members of your Royal House, all temporal and spiritual blessings, is the earnest prayer of

May it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, loyal, and obedient subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in this General Assembly.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

JOHN COOK, Moderator.

Edinburgh, 21st May, 1859.

INDIA-OFFICE, May 27, 1859.

THE Secretary of State for India has received the following Papers:—

No. 1.

GENERAL ORDER.

Fort-William, March 23, 1859.

No. 389 of 1859.

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct the publication of the following extracts of letters from the Adjutant-General of the Army, No. 385, of the 22d February 1859, and from Brigadier-General Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., with inclosure, reporting the attack on the Fort of Naharghur by a detachment under the command of Captain F. W. Lambton, Her Majesty's 71st Highlanders.

His Excellency in Council desires to record his high commendation of the intrepidity exhibited in this operation, and his sense of the conspicuous bravery of all concerned in the attack.

Extract of a Letter from the Adjutant-General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, No. 385, of the 22d February 1859.

In transmitting, for the consideration of the Right Honourable the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council, copies of the documents noted in the margin,* having reference to the attack of the Fort of Naharghur by a detachment under the command of Captain F. W. Lambton, Her Majesty's 71st Highlanders, I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to state that, in his Excellency's opinion, the conduct of the party of the 71st Regiment cannot be sufficiently praised, as will be seen from the following extract from a private letter addressed by Brigadier-General Sir R. Napier to the Chief of the Staff.

"The news of the affair with Lambton's Detachment brought me down here, as I reported to you.

* Letter from Brigadier-General Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., Commanding the Gwalior Division, No. 54, of the 31st January 1859, with inclosure.