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**L**ORD PANMURE has received a Despatch and its Enclosure, of which the following are extracts, addressed to His Lordship by Field-Marshal the Lord Raglan, G.C.B.

*Extract from a Despatch from Field-Marshal the Lord Raglan, dated "before Sevastopol," March 3, 1855.*

I BEG now to lay before your Lordship Dr. Hall's report of the state of the sick, and I will direct him to make one weekly, which I will transmit for your Lordship's information.

Enclosure.

*Extract from a Report from Dr. Hall, Inspector-General of Hospitals, to Field-Marshal Lord Raglan, dated March 2, 1855.*

I WILL offer a few observations on the weekly state up to the 24th February; and, in doing so, I may premise that the result of the sanitary condition of the Army up to that period is by no means so satisfactory as the previous improvement during the week of fine weather that we had, had led me to anticipate; but though the unfavourable change in the weather, from the genial warmth of spring to the bitter cold of winter, which took place on the 20th, had an injurious effect on certain classes of disease in weakly subjects, still there is sufficient improvement remaining to enable us to look forward with confident hope to the future; and I am the more inclined to indulge this hope from the favourable change which has taken place in the type of fever prevailing in the General Hospital at Balaklava, in the 93rd Highlanders and some other regiments, from low

typhoid to that of a remittent, and even intermittent, form.

This afternoon 100 patients were to be removed from the General Hospital at Balaklava to the Convalescent Establishment on the plateau of the old castle, overlooking the sea; and when the remainder of the huts are erected, which I expect they will soon be now, I look for the happiest results to follow, from being able to place from 400 to 500 convalescents there, in place of sending them down to the crowded establishment at Scutari. In case of our having wounded men, I should wish, of all things, to keep them in so desirable a locality; and, by a very little labour, the road up to the huts from the town could easily be made practicable for ambulance mules; and this, I am informed, the Commanding Royal Engineer has been ordered to carry into immediate effect.

The position of the huts I think promises every advantage; they are placed on a dry ridge overlooking the sea, sufficiently removed from the noise and stench of the town, and not too far from our stores and resources.

There is a running stream in a ravine close at hand, of easy access, and fed by a spring higher up in the hills, which could easily be led to the huts themselves by means of gutta percha tubing.

Out of 442 patients, treated in the General Hospital at Balaklava, between the 18th and 24th February, only three casualties have occurred, which, I think, may fairly be termed a low rate of mortality, considering the class of patients that are generally sent in there for treatment—men brought down from camp, and found too ill to embark when they arrive at Balaklava.

The huts in the vineyard in front of the hospital have relieved the hospital, and prevented the necessity of crowding it so much as we were formerly occasionally compelled to do.