

War-Department, June 5, 1855.

LORD PANMURE has received two Despatches and their Enclosures, of which the following are copies, addressed to His Lordship by Field-Marshal the Lord Raglan, G.C.B.

*Before Sevastopol,
May 22, 1855.*

MY LORD,

ADVERTING to my dispatch No. 251, of the 14th April, I do myself the honour to lay before your Lordship the copy of a letter which I have received from Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, with its enclosure from Commander Priest, of the Himalaya, bearing testimony to the exertions and valuable services of Captain Gell, of the East India Company's Service, Acting Quartermaster-General in conducting the 10th Hussars and 12th Lancers through Egypt, and in superintending the embarkation of those regiments at Alexandria.

I have, &c.,

RAGLAN.

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

Enclosure 1.

*Royal Albert, off Sevastopol,
May 10, 1855.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose for your Excellency's information copy of a letter from Commander Priest of the Himalaya, calling my attention to the praiseworthy exertions of Captain Gell, of the Honourable East India Company's service, and as Her Majesty's Consul at Alexandria, and Colonel Pole, of the 12th Lancers, both bear testimony to this officer's valuable services, I shall feel greatly obliged if your Excellency will have the goodness to bring his conduct under favourable consideration in the proper quarter.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) E. LYONS,

Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

*His Excellency Field-Marshal Lord
Raglan, G.C.B., &c., &c.*

Enclosure 2.

*Her Majesty's Steam-vessel Himalaya,
Karatch, May 7, 1855.*

SIR,

I TRUST that you will not think me presuming if I endeavour to place before you some of the merits of Captain Gell, Honourable East India Company, the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, conducting the transit of the 10th and 12th Regiments of Cavalry through Egypt, and superintending their embarkation.

Colonels Pole and Parlbly are more capable than I can be of bearing testimony to his services, but I beg to add my witness to the zeal, great energy, and consummate tact, by which he obtained a maximum of work from a people notoriously inert; and thus made my portion of the embarkation very simple: that no casualty of any kind has occurred in getting from the shore into pontoons and alongside the several ships more than 1000 horses, is attributable to his foresight and prudence. I respectfully submit that it may prove advantageous to the service if his exertions be brought to the notice of Lord Raglan.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) BEN. P. PRIEST,

Commander.

*Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund
Lyons, Bart., G.C.B.,
Commander-in-Chief.*

*Before Sevastopol,
May 22, 1855.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to lay before your Lordship the copy of a letter, which I received a short time ago from the Hon. Algernon Egerton and Mr. Thomas Tower, who succeeded Mr. Jervoise Smith and Mr. Glyn in the duty of distributing all that was sent out by the Crimean Fund for the use of the British Army.

I cannot speak too highly of the exertions of all these Gentlemen. Their courtesy, their kindness of heart, and their unceasing desire to gratify the wishes of all, are above all I can say in their favour; and they carry with them the grateful acknowledgments of every officer and man, who are equally anxious with myself to bear the amplest testimony to the manner in which they have fulfilled their onerous task, despite of fatigue, weather, and every possible inconvenience.

I have, &c.,

RAGLAN

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

Enclosure.

Kadihoy, May 8, 1855.

MY LORD,

Crimean Army Fund Agency.

WE have the honour to report to your lordship that the operations of the "Crimean Army Fund," of which we are the Honorary Representatives in the Crimea, have now closed.

In announcing this officially to your lordship, we beg to express the hope that our endeavours to carry out the thoughtful and generous intentions of that association towards our noble and gallant countrymen in the Crimea have in some slight degree promoted the public service, and have not interfered in any respect prejudicially to the organization of an army which we so love and admire.

We cannot conclude our mission without thanking your Lordship, the Quartermaster-General, and the authorities, for the kind countenance and support which we have received from the very commencement to the termination of our difficult but most grateful task.

Your lordship will allow us to speak most highly of the Quartermasters of Regiments with whom we have been thrown in such frequent contact.

We have, &c.,

(Signed) ALGERNON EGERTON.
THOMAS TOWER.

*To Field-Marshal Lord Raglan, G.C.B.,
Commanding-in-Chief.*

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *May*, 1855,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the