

the command respectively of Major-General, now General, Sir Hugh Rose, G.C.B., Major-General Whitlock, now Lieutenant-General Sir George Whitlock, K.C.B., and Major-General Sir Henry Roberts, since deceased; and that, in the course of the operations which followed, certain property was captured at the places under mentioned, viz., Jhansi, Calpee, and Gwalior, by the force under the command of the said Sir Hugh Rose, of the estimated value of 4,90,000 rupees; at Kirwee and Banda, by the force under the command of the said Sir George Whitlock, of the estimated value of 70,00,000 rupees; and at Ahwah, Kotah, and Bunass by the force under the command of the said Major-General Sir Henry Roberts, of the estimated value of 1,82,000 rupees:

And whereas the said property belongs to Her Majesty in right of her Royal prerogative:

And whereas Her Majesty has signified her gracious pleasure, that the said property, and the proceeds thereof, shall be granted to, and distributed amongst, the forces concerned in the operations above referred to, in such manner as may be hereafter determined:

And whereas it has been proposed, for the consideration of Her Majesty, that the said proceeds of such property should be thrown into a common fund, and be distributed equally among the forces under the command of Sir Hugh Rose, Sir George Whitlock, and Sir Henry Roberts, respectively:

And whereas the Prize Agents of the force under the command of the said Sir George Whitlock have preferred a claim, that the said property captured at Kirwee and Banda should be granted exclusively to the force under the command of the said Sir George Whitlock:

And whereas the late General Lord Clyde preferred a claim on behalf of himself and his personal staff, that he and they should participate in the same, on the ground that he, as Commander-in-Chief in India, directed the operations which led to the capture thereof:

And whereas the said Sir Hugh Rose, has preferred a claim that he and the force under his command should also participate in the same, on the ground that such force co-operated in the actions or movement of the troops which led to the capture of the said property:

And whereas Major-General Smith has preferred a claim for participation in the same on behalf of himself and a Brigade under his command, in the event of the claim of the force under the command of the said Sir Hugh Rose being allowed; the said Major-General Smith stating that the Brigade under his command was detached from the before-mentioned force, under the command of the said Major-General Sir Henry Roberts, and co-operated in the actions or movement of the force under the command of Major-General Sir Hugh Rose:

And whereas a claim has also been preferred by Colonel William Middleton on behalf of himself and a force under his command, known as the Futtehpore moveable column, for a participation in the same property:

And whereas other claims may be preferred by or on behalf of the same or other persons to the property, or some part thereof, captured during the aforesaid operations:

And whereas by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act to improve the practice, and extend the jurisdiction of the High Court of Admiralty of England," it was enacted, that, "the said High Court of Admiralty shall have jurisdiction to decide all matters and questions concerning booty of War, or the distribution thereof, which it shall

please Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, by the advice of Her and their Privy Council, to refer to the judgment of the said Court; and in all matters so referred the Court shall proceed as in cases of Prize of War, and the judgment of the Court therein shall be binding upon all parties concerned:"

And whereas it is Her Majesty's pleasure to refer, under the authority of the said recited Act, all claims to share in the property captured during the aforesaid operations, and in the proceeds thereof, to the judgment of the High Court of Admiralty of England:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that the claims of all parties whomsoever to the property captured during the aforesaid operations, and to the proceeds thereof, be referred to the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty of England, who shall take into his consideration, if it shall appear to him to be necessary for the purposes of justice, any capture that may have been made of any property during the said operations by any of the claimants, and shall make such order as to him shall seem right, both in regard to the persons who are, and the proportions in which such persons are entitled to share therein, and to the costs and expenses incurred in relation thereto by the respective claimants, whether before or subsequent to this Order, reserving, however, to Her Majesty the right to direct the rates or scale of distribution according to which the said property, or the proceeds thereof, shall be paid to the several ranks of the force or forces to which such property shall be adjudged.

*Arthur Helps.*

**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 10th day of *June*, 1864.

**PRESENT,**

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament, held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to limit the time for proceeding to election in counties and boroughs in England and Wales, and for polling at elections for the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for other purposes," it is enacted, that "It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time hereafter, on Petition from the Justices in Quarter Sessions assembled, of any county, riding, parts, or division of any county, other than any county of a city or of a town, in England and Wales, representing that it would be expedient that any polling place or places mentioned in the said petition should cease to be such, and that any other place or places mentioned in the said petition should be substituted in lieu thereof, and praying that such alteration and substitution might be made, to declare that the said alteration and substitution shall be made in respect of all or any of the places mentioned in the said petition:

"Provided always, that the notice of, and proceedings to be had upon, any such petition, shall be according to the provisions of the second section of the one hundred and second chapter of the statute of the sixth and seventh years of King William the Fourth, in respect of the petition therein mentioned."