

8. The Kaimakhans of the various districts have been summoned by Samih Pasha to the capital to receive instructions as to the change of the governing power; they will afterwards return to their districts and the operation will be complete.

9. On the whole I think the state of affairs is satisfactory. I am gradually drawing together the threads of administration and I am avoiding the introduction of any novelties, however necessary in the administration. I confine myself to taking measures for the security of life and property and the maintenance of public order.

10. I am compelled to make some provisional appointments of Europeans to assist me, as their lordships will perceive that the work of administration is not done under the easiest circumstances, when the only languages, Turkish and Greek, which are the means of communication, are almost entirely unknown by me.

Under these circumstances I have provisionally appointed Mr. Walter Baring as Secretary to Government. The rest of the appointments (two or three) I shall decide upon to-day, and will inform their lordships accordingly.

I have, &c.,
JOHN HAY, Vice-Admiral,
Commanding Channel Squadron.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty.

P.S.—I may add that I have acquainted the Foreign Consuls of the change of Government, and their flags seem now to be hoisted as usual.

Enclosure No. 1.

MY LORD,

Nicosia,
July 11, 1878.

I HAVE the honour to inform your lordships that, in accordance with your instructions, I proceeded here this day in company with his Excellency Samih Pasha and Captain Rawson. On our arrival Samih Pasha went at once to the Government "konak," and communicated the firman handing over the island to Her Majesty the Queen to the Muttessarif and the principal Mussulmans and Christians of the place. I thought it advisable not to be present at the reading of the firman, but in the course of the afternoon Samih Pasha sent a message to the effect that he would be glad to see me. I accordingly went to the konak, and was then informed in the presence of the Members of the Council that the firman had been read, and that the cession of the island was heard with satisfaction by the people.

o I conveyed suitable thanks to the Pasha and informed him that your lordship would come up here to-morrow to hoist the flag and to take formal possession.

I continue to think that under the circumstances a small guard will be sufficient merely for the purpose of protecting and saluting the flag.

Time prevents my adding more as Captain Rawson is obliged to leave at once for Larnaka.

I have, &c.,
WALTER BARING.

To Vice-Admiral
the Lord John Hay, C.B.

Enclosure No. 2.

RETURN of Officers and Men landed at
Larnaka, for service at Nicosia.

Her Majesty's ship "Minotaur," at
Larnaka, July 14, 1878.

Landed on July 11, 1878.

Captain Henry H. Kelly, Royal Marine Artillery	...	...	...	...	1
Lieutenant William J. Eastman, Royal Marine Artillery	...	...	...	...	1
Surgeon Michael McCarthy	...	...	...	...	1
Sergeant, Royal Marine Artillery	...	...	...	...	1
Corporal, do.	do.	do.	...	...	1
Bugler, do.	do.	do.	...	...	1
Gunners, do.	do.	do.	...	...	27
Sergeant, Royal Marine Light Infantry	...	...	...	...	1
Corporal, do.	do.	do.	...	...	1
Privates, do.	do.	do.	...	...	19

Landed on July 13, 1878.

Assistant-Paymaster M. G. C. Mallard	...	...	...	...	1
Sergeant	...	...	...	...	1
Gunners	...	...	...	...	4
Privates	...	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	...	65

(Signed) HARRY H. RAWSON,
Captain.

Enclosure No. 3.

Notes of Speech by Vice-Admiral Lord John Hay at the meeting of Samih Pasha and Pessim Pasha, and the Notables at the Konak, in Nicosia, at three P.M., July 12, 1878.

IN accordance with a convention entered into between Her Majesty the Queen and His Majesty the Sultan, and further enforced by the firman of the Sultan, I have been commanded by the Government of Her Majesty to occupy the Island of Cyprus in the name of Her Majesty, and to assume the temporary administration of the Government until the Governor appointed by Her Majesty arrives in Cyprus. I understand from Mr. Baring that the firman was read yesterday in Nicosia, in the presence of the notables, and that you are now prepared to transfer the administration of the Island into my hands.

On my part I have to request that the employes of the Government shall remain in their present offices. Any changes that might be found advisable after experience will be left to my successor to carry out.

The police force will continue to perform its duties commanded by its present officers, whom I shall hold responsible for the maintenance of order.

I shall require all existing taxes and sources of Government revenue to be levied and paid into the public treasury on behalf of the Queen, beginning from to-morrow, the 1st (o.s.), and I shall hold the officials responsible for all funds to the Government, whether proceeding from excise, customs, farmers of the revenue, or other sources.

JOHN HAY.