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THE following Despatch, with its Enclosures, has been received by the Secretary of State for the Colonies from Sir Henry Bulwer, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of Natal :-

Government House, Maritzburg, Natal, April 17, 1879. SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the accompanying list of casualties which has been sent to this Government by the Deputy Adjutant-General.

2. The return appears to be one of casualties occurring among the irregular forces serving with Her Majesty's troops between the 12th and the 29th days of March last.

3. I should notice that one of the names returned is that of a trooper (Trooper Bennett) of the Natal Mounted Police. The others appear to be names of persons belonging to irregular forces not connected with the Colony of Natal, with the exception of Mr. L. Llewellyn Lloyd, lately attached as Political Agent to Colonel Wood's staff, who was a son of Major-General Lloyd, formerly Protector of Immigrants, and now a member of the Legislative Council of this Colony.

4. I transmit, at the same time, two returns of casualties, one of the 23rd February, and the other of the 16th March, previously received by this Government from the Deputy Adjutant-General.

These two returns contain together seven (7) names, three of which were returned by me in my despatch of the 31st March, being names of members of the Natal Mounted Police and Volunteers. The other four names I did not include in my return at the time because they did not belong to the Natal forces, and because it seemed as if they had been furnished accidentally since they were the only names hitherto furnished to me of persons not belonging to the Natal Mounted Police and Volunteers, whilst a great number of others had unquestionably perished, and it seemed to me that it might lead to some confusion if I sent in a return of these four names only. The High Commissioner, however, being of opinion that it will be better to run the risk of

repetition and incomplete returns rather than withhold information in the belief that another Department will forward it in a more complete form, I therefore now forward the returns showing the four names referred to.

5. The three lists of casualties now enclosed comprise, I may mention, the whole return of casualties received by this Government from the military authorities since the commencement of the war with the exception of those of the Natal Mounted Police and Natal Volunteers already furnished.

I have, &c., H. BULWER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Right Honourable Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., &c., Downing-street,

Enclosure 1.

List of Casualties.

Conductor Whittington, Commissariat, killed, 12th March, Intombe River.

- Conductor Goss, Commissariat, killed, 12th March, Intombe River.
- Captain Potter, 1st Battalion N. I., killed, 28th March, Inhlobane.
- Lieutenant Duncombe, 2nd Battalion N. I., killed, 28th March, Inhlobane.
- Sergeant J. Dews, F. L. Horse, died, 2nd April; Kambula.
- Trooper G. Bennett, N. M. Police, Dysentery; 28th March, Helpmakaar.
- Corporal George Dodwell, F. L. Horse, killed; 28th March, Inhlobane. Trooper A. J. Burton, F. L. Horse, killed, 28th
- March, Inhlobane. Trooper W. Gordon, F. L. Horse, killed, 28th
- March, Inhlobane.
- Prooper J. Hasseldine, F. L. Horse, killed, 28th March, Inhlobane.
- Trooper J. Kerwien, F. L. Horse, killed, 28th
- March, Inhlobane. Trooper W. D. Rogan, F. L. Horse, killed, 28th March, Inhlobane.