

which you adopt yourself, and you should use every means in your power to prevent it on the part of others.

The Staff Commander of the "Orion" should be ready to place any ships arriving with troops in the best berths for them to occupy, with a view to the disembarkation and their draught of water.

From the verbal communication we have had, the support you may expect from myself and Sir William Hewett is made fully known to you.

In the event of your being attacked by a superior force of the enemy, you are to use your own discretion as to falling back upon the ships.

Any persons attempting to set fire to the houses should be at once shot.

A. H. HOSKINS, Rear-Admiral.  
To Captain R. O'B. FitzRoy,  
H.M.S. "Orion."

"Penelope," at Port Said,  
August 19, 1882.

AT 3.30 A.M. on Sunday next, the 20th instant, Port Said is to be occupied in the following manner.

2. The direction of operations will be under Captain Fairfax of H.M.S. "Monarch."

3. The landing party will consist of—

From H.M.S. "Monarch," 100 Seamen, small arm men, 18 Gatling gun crews, 48 Royal Marines, 1 Gatling gun.

From H.M.S. "Iris," 80 Seamen, small arm men, 18 Gatling gun crews, 28 Royal Marines, 1 Gatling gun.

From H.M.S. "Northumberland," Battalion, 200 Royal Marines.

Total 180 Seamen, small arm men, 36 Gatling gun crews, 276 Royal Marines, 2 Gatling guns.

Total strength, 492 men and 2 Gatling guns.

4. The "Iris" seamen and marines will at once proceed to the outskirts of the town by the Quay Eugénie, and take the right of the line to extend from the sea to Lake Menzaleh, between the European and Arab towns, *i.e.*, from the right of the Rue du Nord to the beach.

5. They will be followed immediately by the Company of the Battalion of Marines from the "Iris," who will turn to the left at the Rue de l'Arsenal, and form round the north angle of the Barracks.

6. The "Monarch's" seamen and marines will form on the wharf opposite the ship, and march by the Rue du Nord to the Consulate, which the Marines will take charge of, posting sentries. The Blue-jackets will continue on the same line of street, and form on the left of the "Iris" men, extending to Lake Menzaleh, and detaching a party to guard the reservoir and its neighbourhood.

7. The Battalion Company of Royal Marines of the "Monarch" will form on the left of the above, on the wharf, and march after the advance, to the south corner of the Barracks, taking care not to extend into the Rue de l'Arsenal, so as not to be in the way of the fire of the "Iris" detachment. The Egyptian troops are to be summoned to lay down their arms, and then marched down to the wharf.

8. One Gatling gun will accompany the advance of the "Iris," and the other the Marine Battalion Company of the "Monarch" to the entrance of the Barracks.

9. A sergeant's party is to be kept on the wharf to prevent any attempt being made to fire the Custom-house, round which sentries are to be posted.

10. The Khedive's Governor, now in the "Poona," will be on board the "Penelope," and

land directly the occupation is effected, and aid in the maintenance of order with the police, who are known to be loyal.

10a. Arrangements are to be made to send the breakfasts on shore, with anything else that may be wanted, at about seven A.M. The men to have a meal of cocoa before landing.

11. Care is to be taken that men do not land with loaded rifles, or load without orders; and it is to be impressed on all the landing party that no firing is to take place without orders, and that it is of the greatest importance to preserve amicable relations both with the white inhabitants of all nations and also with the Arabs, on whom we are dependent for the coaling of our ships.

12. A guard must be placed by the "Iris" over the Governor's house at the earliest opportunity. Arab's Governor, Rouchdy Pasha, is to be received as a friend if he surrender himself.

13. It is very desirable to secure the Bimbashi if possible, and Major Tulloch, with an interpreter and a small party of picked men, will endeavour to effect this. Prisoners should be put on board the "Iris" when the Governor has been consulted as to who should be released and who retained as such.

14. Marines will land in blue, with helmets—seamen in blue with white cap covers. As soon as possible a change of white clothing and hats for the seamen should be sent on shore, and strict attention is to be paid to their appearance on parade and their general tone and bearing. All defaulters are to be sent at once on board the "Monarch."

A patrol of trustworthy men under an officer is to be told off at once for the maintenance of discipline amongst our own men, and such patrols as may be necessary to support the Egyptian police must be forthcoming immediately the occupation has taken place. Major Tulloch will be good enough to attach himself to the Governor *pro tem*, in order to ensure requirements for the maintenance of order being promptly made known to Captain Fairfax or the officer deputed by him.

Captain Seymour will carry out independently my private orders to him.

Captain Fairfax will act as Military Commandant of Port Said during my absence until the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief is known.

A. H. HOSKINS, Rear-Admiral.  
To Captain Henry Fairfax, C.B.,  
A.D.C., of H.M.S. "Monarch,"  
and Captain Edward H. Seymour,  
of H.M.S. "Iris."

"Penelope," at Port Said,  
August 19, 1882.

COMMANDER EDWARDS, of H.M.S. "Ready," will start soon after dark this evening, with boats containing one company of the "Northumberland's" landing party.

He is first to occupy the dredges, putting on board each an officer and 15 men to prevent any communication with the shore, and to ensure each dredge being kept close to the bank, out of the way of the passing ships. Four days' provisions are to be put on board with each party.

Having done this and given his orders to the officers, he is to proceed to Kantara and seize the Telegraph Office, and both the Egyptian and Canal Company's wire, and allow no message to pass through till he is certain that it is made either by us or in our interest.

Having done this, he is to take steps to ensure all the ships in the Canal between Port Said and Lake Timsah bound north, *i.e.*, to Port Said, being gared.