

The Cheshire Regiment,
 The East Surrey Regiment,
 The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry,
 The Royal Sussex Regiment,
 The Hampshire Regiment,
 The South Staffordshire Regiment,
 The Dorsetshire Regiment,
 The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment),
 The Welsh Regiment,
 The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders),
 The Oxfordshire Light Infantry,
 The Essex Regiment,
 The Northamptonshire Regiment,
 The Princess Charlotte of Wales's Berkshire Regiment,
 The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment,
 The King's Own Light Infantry (South Yorkshire Regiment),
 The King's Shropshire Light Infantry,
 The King's Royal Rifle Corps,
 The Durham Light Infantry,
 The Gordon Highlanders,
 The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders,
 The Princess Louise's Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders,
 The Royal Dublin Fusiliers,
 The Prince Consort's Own Rifle Brigade,
 The Commissariat and Transport Corps,
 The Medical Staff Corps,
 The Ordnance Store Corps,

who, on and after this date, would otherwise be entitled, in pursuance of the terms of their enlistment, to be transferred to the Reserve, shall continue in Army Service until legally discharged or transferred to the Army Reserve.

And We do hereby direct the Right Honourable Spencer Compton Cavendish (commonly called the Marquis of Hartington), one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, to give all necessary directions herein accordingly.

Given at Our Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, this eighteenth day of *February*, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and in the forty-eighth year of Our Reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS by "The Militia Act, 1882," it is amongst other things enacted, that, in case of great emergency it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council by Proclamation (the occasion being first communicated to Parliament, if Parliament be then sitting, or declared in Council, and notified by the Proclamation, if Parliament be not sitting) to order the Militia to be embodied; and that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty by any such Proclamation to order a Secretary of State from time to time to give, and when given to revoke or vary, such directions as may seem necessary or proper for embodying all or any part of the Militia:

And whereas the present state of affairs in the Soudan, and the necessity in connection therewith of taking steps for the defence of Egypt, and for the protection of the interests of the Empire, have, in Our opinion, constituted a case of great emergency within the meaning of the said Act:

Now, Our will and pleasure therefore is, and We do hereby, in pursuance of the said Act, order the Right Honourable Spencer Compton Cavendish, commonly called Marquis of Har-

tington, one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, with all convenient speed, to draw out and embody at such place or places, as he shall judge most convenient, the Militia of the United Kingdom, or such a portion of the same as he may from time to time direct under his hand; and that he do cause the same to be held in every respect ready to march, as occasion shall require, to such part, or parts, within Our United Kingdom as he shall judge proper.

Given at Our Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, this eighteenth day of *February*, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and in the forty-eighth year of Our Reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

MILITIA.

HER Majesty, by Her Royal Proclamation, dated eighteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, having directed me, as Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, to draw out and embody at such place or places as I shall judge most convenient, the Militia of the United Kingdom, or such portion as I may from time to time direct:

Now, therefore, I do hereby order that the undermentioned Brigades and Battalions shall be embodied at their respective Headquarters, on the ninth day of March, viz.:-

2nd Brigade Southern Division Royal Artillery.
 3rd Brigade Western Division Royal Artillery.
 3rd Battalion East Kent Regiment.
 3rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers.
 3rd Battalion Royal Irish Regiment.
 3rd Battalion East Surrey Regiment.
 3rd Battalion Durham Light Infantry.
 5th Battalion Rifle Brigade.

Given under my hand at the *War Office, Pall Mall*, this eighteenth day of *February*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five. *Hartington.*

War Office, February 20, 1885.

A DESPATCH, of which the following is a copy, has been received from General Lord Wolseley by the Secretary of State for War:-

My Lord, *Camp, Korti, January 26, 1885.*

I FORWARD herewith the copy of a Despatch from Brigadier-General Sir Herbert Stewart, K.C.B., in which he describes the action he fought on the 17th instant at Abu Klea.

I am now awaiting reports from him as to his further proceedings subsequent to that battle, and I reserve comments upon his operations until I am in receipt of them.

At present, I shall content myself with remarking that all he has done proves him to be a real leader of men, and an able General. All ranks under his command have displayed that discipline, and those high fighting qualities for which Her Majesty's Army has always been renowned.

I deeply deplore our loss, which was considerable in proportion to the numbers engaged; but this must generally be the case where we have to contend with a brave and determined enemy, five or more times our strength, and who invariably comes to close quarters and hand-to-hand fighting.

I have, &c.,

WOLSELEY, General.

The Right Hon.

The Marquis of Hartington, M.P.