

Movable Field Hospital—Surgeon W. H. Briggs, 2 officers, 20 non-commissioned officers and men, 12 Native drivers and interpreters, 54 camels. Surgeon-Major Ferguson, P.M.O. Transport Detail—Assistant Commissary-General, R. A. Nugent, C.B., 7 officers, 33 non-commissioned officers and men, 202 Native drivers and interpreters, 1,115* camels. Total—114 officers, 1,687 non-commissioned officers and men, 8 Egyptian soldiers, 343 Native drivers and interpreters, 153 horses, 2,888 camels, 3 guns.

REDVERS BULLER, Major-General,
Chief of the Staff.

Inclosure No. 4.
Intelligence Report.

Wells of Abu Klea, January 18, 1885.

THE force opposed to Sir H. Stewart on the 17th consisted, as far as can be ascertained, of 2,000 Ababdeh, Bisharin, and other Arabs from Berber, under Abdul-Majid, nephew of the Emir of Berber, who was wounded in the arm and retired towards Berber.

60 soldiers of the old Egyptian Army from Berber, under Mohamed Effendi Wahabi and Beshir Agha.

The men from Berber arrived at the wells on the 12th January.

2,000 men, Arabs and others from Matammeh, under Ali-wad-Saad, the Emir who was killed; these men arrived on the 14th January.

1,000 men of the Mahdi's army, 400 with rifles, and from 4,000 to 6,000 Arabs, of various tribes from Kordofan, arrived on the morning of the action. Sheikh Musa, the Emir of the Hamr Arabs, was killed.

Total from 9,000 to 11,000 men; the principal attack was delivered by the men from Omdurman.

Prisoners captured report that the fort of Omdurman has been taken by the Mahdi's troops; and a portion of his army is thus set free for operations northwards.

The steamers under Kashm-el-Mûs are at Shab-luka, and visit Matammeh occasionally. There are at Matammeh two and at Shendy one, guns in position against the steamers on the river bank; they were brought up from Berber.

Prisoners differ as to probability of resistance at Matammeh; they say that the force at the wells was confident of victory, and that the defeat inflicted on the enemy was very severe; they do not think those who fought yesterday will again offer a serious resistance.

The Berber force, which had a contingent of about 250 horsemen, retreated towards Berber, but many of the Arabs are still assembled to the north of the roads, probably watching the force.

From the numerous papers addressed to El-Zain, which were found on the field, it would appear that he was present. The other letters found, including one from the Mahdi and several from the Emir of Berber, relate chiefly to supplies, to an attempt to enlist Kashm-el-Mûs in the Mahdi's cause, and the best way of attacking him and his steamers.

The Omdurman force retired, partly with the men from Matammeh, towards that place, and partly towards Omdurman.

As far as can be ascertained from the prisoners, the Mahdi intends to offer a stubborn resistance

to the British advance on Khartoum, but the effect of the defeat of his troops yesterday had not then been felt.

Intelligence of the advance from Jakdul was given to the enemy by scouts, whose tracks were seen to the side of the road on the 1st.

C. W. WILSON, Colonel, D.A.G.
Brigadier-General Sir H. Stewart, K.C.B.,
Commanding the Column.

*Privy Council Office, Whitehall,
February 13, 1885.*

THIS day the Right Honourable Archibald Philip, Earl of Rosebery, took the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office as Chief Commissioner of Works and Public Buildings, in the presence of the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Privy Council Office, February 18, 1885.

THE following Statute, passed on the 22nd day of January, 1885, by the Governing Body of Brasenose College, Oxford, has been submitted for the approval of Her Majesty in Council, and notice of its having been so submitted is published in accordance with the provisions contained in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877:—

Alteration of Statute 16 made at a General Meeting of the Governing Body of the Principal and Scholars of the King's Hall and College of Brasenose in Oxford specially summoned for the purpose by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the number of persons present and voting on the 22nd day of January, 1885.

This alteration, if approved, will be made by the insertion in lieu of paragraphs *a. b. and c.* of Clause 8 of the existing Statute 16 of the Brasenose College Statutes of the following paragraphs namely:—

8. (*a.*) The Principal and Fellows may if they think fit, by loan or accumulation, or by the other means hereinafter mentioned, raise a sum or sums not exceeding in the whole £24,000 for the erection of new buildings in connection with the College or the enlargement or improvement of the existing College buildings.

(*b.*) They shall appropriate to this purpose the accumulations from Fellowships, the election to which has been suspended by writing under seal of the University of Oxford Commissioners previous to the approval of these Statutes by Her Majesty in Council.

Any monies which with the consent of the Copyhold Commissioners might under the Universities and College Estates Amendment Act 1880 be applied to this purpose, shall with such consent be applicable to it and shall be reckoned as part of the total sum of £24,000 which the College is authorized to raise.

(*c.*) The sum to be appropriated out of corporate revenue to such accumulation or to the repayment with interest of money so borrowed shall not in any year exceed £1,500.

L. S.

*Includes 268 conveying detachment Sussex Regiment.