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Sir W. White to the Marquis of Salisbury.
(Received November 1)

My LORD, *Therapia, October, 28, 1889.*

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship a copy of a despatch addressed to me by Sir A. Hoskins, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Squadron, inclosing extracts from a report by the Commander of H.M.S. "Polyphemus," on the subject of alleged Turkish barbarities in Crete.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. A. WHITE.

Rear-Admiral Sir A. Hoskins to Sir W. White.
"Dreadnought," at *Nauplia,*

SIR, *October 21, 1889.*

I HAVE the honour to inclose, for your Excellency's information, extracts from a report, dated at Suda Bay, the 18th instant, which I have this day received from Commander Meryon, of H.M.S. "Polyphemus," on the subject of alleged Turkish barbarities in Crete.

I have approved of Commander Meryon accompanying H.M. Consul, in accordance with the request of the latter, in his visit to the western interior of the island, and will forward to your Excellency a copy of the report giving the conclusions at which he arrives regarding the alleged barbarities.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) A. H. HOSKINS.

Commander Meryon to Rear-Admiral Sir A. Hoskins.

"Polyphemus," at *Suda Bay,*
October 18, 1889.

(Extract.)
A TURKISH resident was murdered by Greeks on the evening of the 7th instant, at a village 5 miles from Canea, and from native gossip I heard that there had been one or two other cases in the last few days of Mussulmans being murdered by Christians, but though the malefactors were arrested, I did not hear of any executions taking place.

On the 12th instant, I found the British Consul had returned from the country, having investigated numerous cases of ill-treatment of Christians by Turkish troops. The net result of these investigations I sent you by telegram on the 15th from Sitia, viz.:—that cases of beating with sticks, riding whips, &c., had frequently occurred both on Christians and Mussulmans generally, with the object of enforcing restoration of property stolen by one or the other during the recent riots, but that there were no established cases of barbarity perpetrated by the Turkish troops; and that of the two reported cases of outrage on Christian women at Moulia (near Agios Vavara) and Gligoria, the former was not supported by any evidence, and the latter was entirely disproved.

On the 14th, at Neapolis, the Governor, who is a Christian, permitted two deputations of Christian Cretans to address the Consul at the Government House in my presence. In both cases the first question put to them was, "Have you any cause of complaint against the Turkish troops?" and in each case the immediate answer was, "None whatever," but they complained of isolated cases of harsh imprisonment. The Consul explained to them that it was not in our province to listen to complaints of that sort. From the statements made by them, as well as by the statements courteously made by the Governor, I do not consider that they had much to complain of, as the crimes of which they were accused and were waiting trial for generally

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were stealing, or retaining property stolen during the late riots.

On the 17th, the Consul informed me that since his return to Suda Bay he has heard of some uneasiness in the Canea district, which is always the most unsettled, in consequence of an influential Cretan, Captain Mathion, having been outlawed, and, in company with a few others, fled to the mountains, where it is anticipated he will resist attempt.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
November 4, 1889.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed on and after Saturday, the 9th instant, until further orders.

Office of the Secretary for Scotland,
Whitehall, November 1, 1889.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint Robert William Reid, Esq., M.D., to be Professor of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen, in the room of Professor Struthers, resigned.

Office of the Secretary for Scotland,
Whitehall, November 2, 1889.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint William Ellis Gloag, Esq., Advocate, Sheriff of Perthshire, to be one of the Senators of the College of Justice in Scotland, in the room of Lord Mure, resigned.

Admiralty, 1st November, 1889.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Commander John Hayes has this day been placed on the Retired List, at his own request.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of 22nd February, 1870, and 30th April, 1877—

Chief Inspector of Machinery Harry Williams has been placed on the Retired List, at his own request.

Admiralty, 2nd November, 1889.

THE undermentioned Chief Engineers have been advanced to the rank of Staff Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet:—

Nicholas Meaden.

Richard James Tench.

Dated 30th October, 1889.

James A'Court.

Dated 1st November, 1889.

Admiralty, 5th November, 1889.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 5th February, 1872—

Chaplain the Reverend Charles John Corfe, D.D., has been placed on the Retired List.
Dated 1st November, 1889.

War Office, Pall Mall,
5th November, 1889.

Royal Horse Guards, Major Lord Henry A. G. Somerset resigns his Commission. Dated 6th November, 1889.