

in which he grappled with the situation and turned the hitherto needlessly cautious state of defence into one of vigorous and determined attack, is worthy of special acknowledgment.

43. I submit the names of the following officers for favourable consideration for good service during the operations:—

Lieutenant-Colonel C. R. Macgregor, D.S.O., who commanded the Northern Column throughout the operations; Major O. S. Smyth, D.S.O., who commanded the Southern Column; and Captain H. O'Donnell, D.S.O., 44th Bengal Infantry, who commanded the Mogaung Column. These officers maintained the high reputation they have already gained for good and gallant service. Captain T. A. H. Davies, Devonshire Regiment, for the gallant manner in which he conducted the attack on the enemy's entrenched position at Kyaingkwintaung on the 22nd February, as also for the determined manner in which he hurried up with his ever-willing men from Shwebo to Kawlin, covering nearly 100 miles, with cart transport, within five days. Captain S. Custance, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, for excellent service when in command of the mounted infantry of his regiment. He and his men had, perhaps, harder work than any other men during the operations, and their services deserve special recognition.

44. Had Captain N. A. Bray, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, lived, I should have brought his name to notice as deserving special recognition, as I cannot overrate his valuable services to the expedition.

45. The health of Captain A. B. Murray, 10th Regiment (1st Burma Battalion) Madras Infantry, my senior staff officer, I regret to say, broke down soon after arrival in Wuntho, but he struggled bravely to carry on his duties, although his health would not admit of his doing so. He was always keen and willing.

46. My orderly officer, Second-Lieutenant Bruce, Royal Artillery, ably and energetically performed his varied duties, and I consider him an officer of much promise.

47. Since the death of Captain Bray, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Intelligence Branch, the official diary of the campaign has been admirably carried on by Second-Lieutenant H. C. Holman, Devonshire Regiment. I have tried this gallant young officer in many duties, and for one so young I have never met one who so successfully achieved all that he was called upon to perform. I anticipate a brilliant career for this young officer, and I commend his good services to special notice.

48. In conclusion, I beg to offer my special thanks to Mr. G. D. Burgess, C.S.I., Commissioner, Northern Division. I could never have carried out my orders so expeditiously and, I trust, satisfactorily had it not been for the invariable help and support I received from this officer. I therefore desire to close this despatch by soliciting that his valuable services on this occasion may be brought specially to the notice of the local and supreme Governments.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
February 9, 1892.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed on and after Saturday next, the 13th instant, until further orders.

*Foreign Office, February 8, 1892.*

**NOTICE.**

**FREE PORT OF ZANZIBAR.**

INFORMATION has been received from Mr. Gerald Portal, C.B., Her Britannic Majesty's Agent and Consul-General at Zanzibar, that on the 1st instant he publicly declared that on and after that day import duties on all goods coming from foreign countries into the Port of Zanzibar would cease and be abolished.

The following articles are, however, for the public good, excepted from the terms of this declaration:—

1. Arms and munitions of war.
2. Alcoholic liquors, with the exception of beer and wines of lower strength than fifty degrees centigrade.
3. Kerosine and all other explosive oils or dangerous substances.

The duty on these latter articles will be remitted under certain conditions of storage.

All the abovementioned articles will still remain subject to the duties leviable under existing treaties with foreign powers or under the provisions of the General Act of the Brussels Conference, so soon as the latter shall come into force.

The above notice applies only to the Port of Zanzibar itself.

*Foreign Office, January 30, 1892.*

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Frederick Wright as Danish Consul at Adelaide, South Australia; Mr. L. Metaxas as Greek Consul at Cardiff; Mr. Edward D. Fasciotti as Brazilian Consul at Cardiff; Mr. Coronel Julio Paz Rodriguez as Venezuelan Consul in the Island of Trinidad; Mr. James McMurrich Currie as Nicaraguan Consul at Belize; Mr. W. A. Massey as Belgian Consul at Hull; Mr. Thomas A. O'Farrell as Greek Consul at Dublin; and Mr. Alfred L. Jones as Consul at Liverpool for the Congo Free State.

*Downing Street, February 6, 1892.*

THE Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of Theodoor Cornelis Bogaardt, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

*India Office, February 8, 1892.*

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Harrison Falkner Blair, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be a Judge of the High Court of Judicature for the North-Western Provinces of the Presidency of Fort William, on the resignation of Douglas Straight, Esq.

*Office of the Secretary for Scotland,*

*Whitehall, February 5, 1892.*

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint Thomas Johnstone Martin, Esq., Advocate, M.A., to be Sheriff-Substitute of the Sheriffdom of Renfrew and Bute, at Rothesay, in the room of Robert Orr, Esq., resigned.

*Office of the Secretary for Scotland,*

*Whitehall, February 5, 1892.*

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint Mr. William Bratby to the office of Her Majesty's Trumpeter in Scotland, vacant by the death of Mr. Philip Laubach.