

Ladysmith, being engaged by local troops, to Barrydale, which he reached on 31st August. He then marched to Montague, where he was anticipated by a detachment of the Berkshire Regiment, and he has since made several ineffectual attempts to cross the western line of railway near Matjesfontein, probably with the object of effecting a junction with Smit. Throughout these wanderings he has been closely pursued by our mounted troops under Lieut.-Colonel Alexander, who had 4 men killed, and 2 Officers and 10 men wounded in some sharp skirmishes about the 20th August to the south of Uniondale.

In the south-western portion of Cape Colony, Lieut.-Colonel Capper has controlled operations against a commando under Maritz, whose scattered followers aimlessly roam about the remote and thinly populated regions to the north of the Roggeveld Mountains.

Two attacks have been made on our troops in the Kimberley district. The first on 12th August upon Griquatown was repulsed by the little garrison of 100 men, who drove back a hostile force which was said to be under De Villiers and Conroy. The second attempt at Rookopje on the 24th of the month, was an effort to capture a convoy which was making its way towards Griquatown. Upon this occasion, the escort which consisted of the 74th (Irish) Squadron, Imperial Yeomanry, under Captain Humby, behaved with great gallantry and determination. Though outnumbered by 400 Boers, who surrounded the convoy, and pressed to close quarters, our men held their ground and offered such a stubborn resistance, that at nightfall the enemy abandoned the attack and withdrew. On the following day Captain Humby, who did not lose a single wagon, took his convoy safely into Griquatown, but his losses were extremely heavy. Nine men of the escort were killed, and 2 Officers and 21 men were wounded.

17. During the month of August the losses inflicted on the enemy and captures made from him were as follows:—186 killed, 75 wounded, 1,384 prisoners, 529 voluntary surrenders, 930 rifles, 90,958 rounds of ammunition, 1,332 wagons and carts, 13,570 horses, 65,879 cattle. (The number of killed and wounded include only those that actually fell into our hands.) Taking into consideration the great reduction already effected in the numbers and resources of the enemy, it is very satisfactory to see that there is no falling off in the results which the columns have to show for their hard work. So long as this rate of progress can be maintained, there can be very little doubt as to its ultimate effect, even on an enemy to whom no other form of argument seems to appeal,

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KITCHENER, General.
Commanding-in-Chief, South Africa.

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George,
Downing Street, November 9, 1901.*

THE King has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointments to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

To be an Ordinary Member of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Sir Henry Hamilton Johnston, K.C.B., lately His Majesty's Special Commissioner, Commander-in-Chief, and Consul-General for the Uganda Protectorate and the adjoining Territories.

To be Ordinary Members of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Frederick Robert St. John, Esq., on retirement from the post of His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Berne.
Audley Charles Gosling, Esq., on retirement from the post of His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Santiago.

To be Ordinary Members of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Albert Charles Wratislaw, Esq., His Majesty's Consul at Basrah.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel William Spottiswoode Sparkes, for services in Egypt.

Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Altham, Altham, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Intelligence Division, War Office.

Captain and Brevet Major Herbert Henry Austin, R.E., D.S.O.

Captain and Brevet Major Richard George Tyndal Bright (Rifle Brigade), for services in connection with the recent Expedition to survey the frontier between Abyssinia and the Protectorates of British East Africa and Uganda.

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George
Downing Street, November 15, 1901.*

THE King has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointments to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, in recognition of services rendered in connection with the Gambia Expedition, 1900:

To be Ordinary Members of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Captain Robert Copland Sparkes, R.N.

Captain Leonard Robert Sunkersett Arthur (the Rifle Brigade), His Majesty's Consul at Dakar, and Colonial Secretary designate of the Gold Coast.

Foreign Office, November 9, 1901.

THE King has been pleased to approve of Mr. Rudolf Lorentzen as Vice-Consul of Germany at Sandakan, for that part of the Island of Borneo which is under British Protection, and for the Colony of Labuan.

Whitehall, November 14, 1901.

THE King has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 11th instant, to add the names of Lord Macnaghten and Sir Richard Henn Collins to the Commission appointed by His Majesty to receive, hear, and determine the Petitions of those who claim to do and perform divers Services at the Coronation Ceremony in June next.

Whitehall, November 5, 1901.

THE King has been pleased to grant unto Oliver Rodie Vassall, of Whitston Court, in the county of Monmouth, Clerk in Holy Orders of the Roman Catholic Church, eldest son of Robert Lowe Grant Vassall, of Oldbury Court, in the city and county of Bristol, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England, by Matilda Paulina, his wife, daughter and coheir of William Phillips, late of Whitston Court aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, His Royal licence and