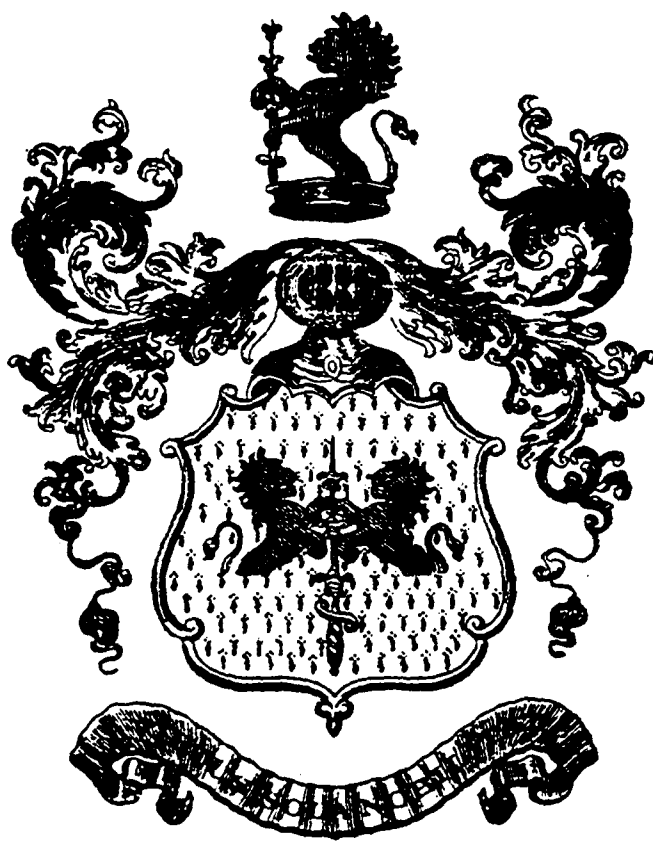


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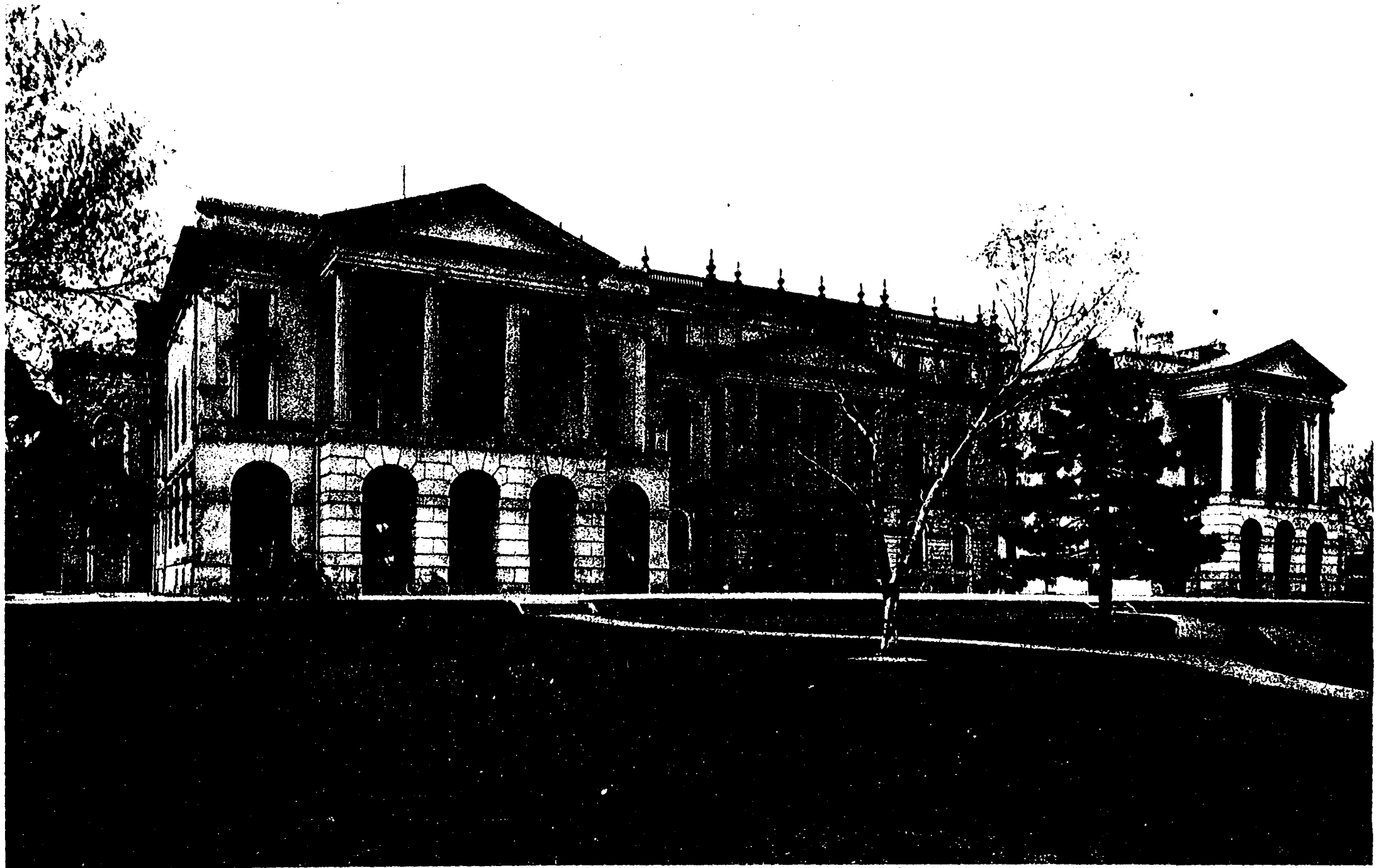
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## CHAPTER I

### THE VON GOCHNATS

THE Von Gochnats were considerable landowners of Alsace under the German Government previous to and during the time when it was handed over to France in 1697. By fragments gathered from different sources which my husband, Captain Edmund Van Koughnet, and I obtained concerning the von Gochnats or van Koughnets, we were able to follow them from those days of prosperity to the days of industrious routine, when they were living as burghers of Colmar, through their wanderings and their emigration to the period when they eventually settled in Canada, and from thence to the time when my husband's father became Chancellor of Upper Canada.

About 1782, Michael Van Koughnet, United Empire Loyalist, came in haste from America, leaving all worldly goods behind, to commence life anew in Cornwall, Canada, so that he might still remain a subject of Great Britain.

One small but valued possession he brought with him, and it has been handed down from father to son until the present day ; it is the contract of marriage between Johann Eberhard von Gochnat of Colmar and Maria Barbara Schmückerin, ancestors of the van Koughnets who settled in Canada. The contract is

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written in the clear German characters of the day, with flowery, ornate capitals; the ink is still black, but the paper yellow and worn from age and travel. This is the literal translation from the old German manuscript:—

‘ IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY,  
GOD THE FATHER, SON, AND  
HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

‘ KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, Each and Every one, that on the Date following at the very End of this by the singular Direction and Providence of God the most High, who is the Founder and Originator of the Holy Wedlock and who has likewise commanded to keep the same Sacred otherwise however has likewise promised amply to bless to His Praise and Glory and Honour for the propagation of conjugal Love, Fidelity and Friendship and likewise extension of the Church of Christ in legitimate Marriage and friendly Wedding have entered the Estate of Holy Wedlock, and taken place between the honourable and modest Bachelor, JOHANN EBERHARD VON GOCHNAT, unmarried Tanner, surviving legitimate Son of the late JOHANN EBERHARD VON GOCHNAT, deceased, celebrated Surgeon and sworn Chyrurchi of the Town of Colmar, as Bridegroom on the one side: Then the much . . . \* and virtuous Spinster, MARIA BARBARA SCHMÜCKERIN, the legitimate Daughter of the honourable and esteemed JOSEPH SCHMÜCKER, Burgher and Tanner here, as Bride on the other side thereby then by both Bridal Parties as well, as likewise Parents, Grand Parents, Guardian and the thereto-invited nearest Relations and Bystanders as well, their

\* Partly torn and obliterated.

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joint Property and how it is to be observed in case of the Decease of One or the Other, the following amicable Agreement has been entered into and been resolved and

‘FOR THE FIRST PART. Both Bridal Parties, the Johann Eberhard von Gochnat and the Spinster Maria Barbara Schmückerin shall and will take one another into Holy Wedlock to have and to keep, such, their honest Promise at the next Opportunity confirmed by a Priestly Marriage Ceremony before the Face of God and His Church of Christ the following, as it becomes and is proper for Christly and God-fearing Married People in such a Position to live and dwell together their time of Life peacefully, unto Whom may the Good God give His Grace and Benediction.

‘SECONDLY. The Bridegroom promises to his beloved Maiden Bride from special Love towards her as a free Morning Gift the Sum of One Hundred Thaler each equivalent to three Livres of French currency under the Condition, that, in case the Wife should depart this Life before the Husband without leaving any legitimate Offspring, such Morning Gift should revert to the Husband.

‘THIRDLY. The above named beloved Father of the Maiden Bride promises to bestow upon her as a Marriage Gift a Sum of One Thousand Livres, also for the Wedding Breakfast the Sum of One Hundred Livres, in Gold likewise of French Currency, further a Dowry as usual on such Occasions in conformity with their Honour and Rank: as Household Furniture and other Goods and Chattels, regarding which in case of Death occurring, which may God prevent for a long Time, it is to be observed, as contained in the following Articles.

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‘FOURTHLY. The beloved Parents of the Maiden Bride promise to give to the newly beginning married People free Residence in the House of the honourably mentioned Parents for the Term of two Years and further for the same Time to allow the working up of the raw Material in the Tannery situated under the House, belonging to their Parents, and situated in the Gerbergasse, without any Rent, likewise, in case both the young Married People comport themselves well towards and agree with their Parents, They shall remain after the expiration of such two Years at a moderate Rent in respect of the Residence as well as the Tannery without Ejection.

‘FIFTHLY. It has been agreed, when the Case should happen, that the Wife should depart this Life before the Husband without leaving any legitimate Offspring not as yet having inherited from her honoured Parents, the Husband shall, first of all take away all his share of Marriage Possessions, Property and Estates, as well as Clothing, Jewelry and Underclothing, besides the Morning Gift and half the Acquisition, the Property of the deceased Wife, however, shall be divided into three equal Parts, of which two Parts belong to the Widower, the remaining third Part, however, besides the other Half of the Acquisition shall be handed over to the still living Parents of the deceased Wife, if, however, as assumed, the Wife should die without leaving any legitimate Offspring and should have inherited from her Parents, or One of them, then the remaining Widower shall take away all his Belongings, Property and Possessions, as well as Clothing, Jewelry and Linen as well as Underclothing besides the Morning Gift and Half the Acquisition, the deceased Wife’s Dowry and inherited Property,

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however, shall be placed into two Parts, of which one Half shall belong to the Widower, the other Half however, with the remaining Half of the Acquisition, shall remain for the use of the Widower for a Year and a Day after which Time it is to be handed to the nearest Heirs and Relations of the deceased Wife or to whom she wishes to will it, besides the other Half of the Acquisition, if, however

‘SIXTHLY, the Husband should depart this Life before the Wife, without leaving any legitimate Offspring, the surviving Widow shall then take away, all her Dowry: as well as all her Belongings, Property and Possessions, inherited during her Married Life with Morning Gift promised to her, and Half the Acquisition as likewise her Dresses, Jewelry, Linen and Underclothing, the Property of the deceased Husband however, as described in his past Register, shall be divided into two equal Parts, of which the one Half shall belong to the Widow, the other Half Part, however with the remaining Half of the Acquisition, shall be left to the Widow for a Year and a Day, then, after the lapse of a Year, the same is to be delivered to the deceased Husband’s nearest Heirs or to whom he wishes to will it.

‘SEVENTHLY. It has been agreed, that in case the Wife should be called from this World before the Husband and leave legitimate Offspring, arising from this Marriage without having inherited from her beloved Parents to whom may God grant a long Life or from One of them then the surviving Husband shall take away: first of all his Belongings and Property as well as Clothing, Jewelry and Underclothing besides Half the Acquisition, the deceased Wife’s Property however is to be divided into

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Three Equal Parts, of which two Third Parts shall belong to him, the remaining Third Part with the other Half of the Acquisition and the Morning Gift shall be allotted to the Children.

‘EIGHTHLY. If it should happen, that the Husband should depart this Life before the Wife or the Wife before the Husband leaving legitimate Offspring arising from this Marriage and the Wife should have inherited from her Parents, in this Case all the Property of both Persons: that which they brought in, as well as what they have during their married Life inherited, earned or acquired shall be divided into Two Equal Parts: of which the surviving Person shall have One Half including, in case the Wife is the Survivor the promised Morning Gift, which in case of her Death belongs to the Children. The other Half Part, however, shall be assigned to the existing Children and Offspring. However, the surviving Person, whether it be the Husband or the Wife, shall have the Use of the Children’s Part until They become of Age or get Married, They in Return shall be obliged to bring the Children up in the Fear of God, Church and School, as well as to educate them to a useful Handicraft and an honourable Profession.\*

‘FOR THE LAST AND FINALLY, if Events should arise, which are not stipulated in the present Marriage Contract, They shall be treated and observed in accordance with customary Municipal Laws of the Honourable Town of Colmar. Also

\* These stipulations as to the bringing up and education of their children, and especially that the sons should be taught an honourable trade, are to be found in marriage agreements of that time. In the marriage settlements of Johann Rudolf Düring it says ‘to bring them up honourably, to make them visit Church and School, teach the sons an honourable trade, to which they may have preference or inclination, the daughters however to educate in useful household duties and feminine virtues.’



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both Married People have likewise expressly stipulated and reserved, for themselves, in Case of Necessity and if they like, with both their Wills and Consents to again alter, narrow down enlarge upon or even cancel Part, and to provide for each other by other Testamentary Appointment.

‘ALL OF WHICH has been discussed and agreed to between both Bridal Persons, as likewise in the Presence, and with the Consent of the Parents, Grand Parents, Guardians, and the, to this invited, nearest Relations and Bystanders, which have by their own Hand here under signed: and in respect to this executed two Copies, written by the same Hand of which one is handed to each Person.

‘SO DONE AND PASSED AT COLMAR the twentieth of August in the Year of Christ One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Four.

*‘On the Part of the Bridegroom.*

JOHANN EBERHARD VON GOCHNAT.

JOHANN CHRISTIAN . . . . as Grandfather.

MARTIN ANDREAS, as Guardian.

JOHANN BRÜNG VOLLGARDT.

JOHANN MICHAEL NEUMANN.

*‘On the Part of the Bride.*

MARIA BARBARA SCHMÜCKERIN.

JOSEPH SCHMÜCKER, as Father.

CASPAR ZIEGLER, as Grandfather.

DANIEL ZIEGLER.

MATHIAS MEYER.’

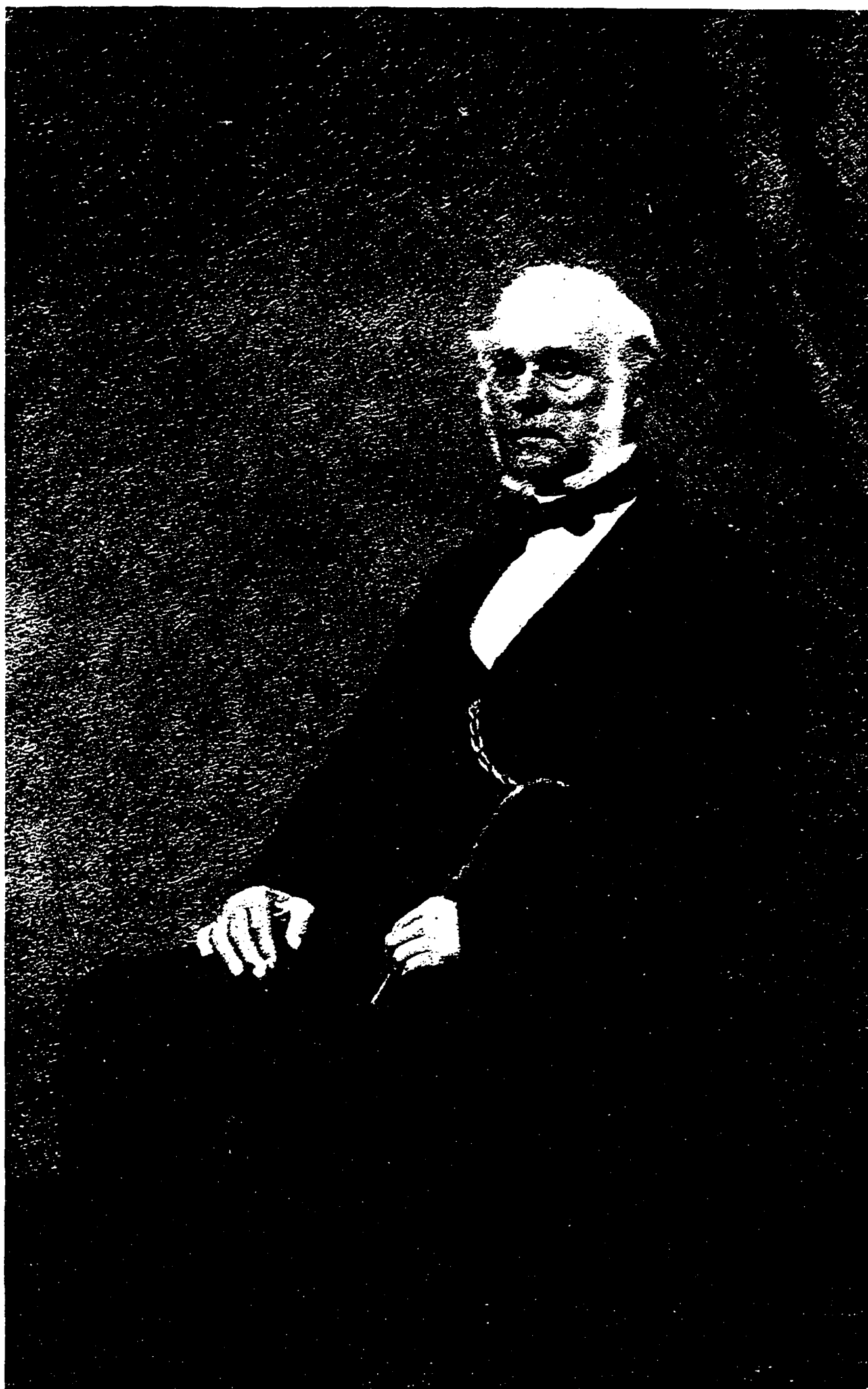
## CHAPTER II

### THE VAN KOUGHNETS

THE family history as told by Michael Van Koughnet's son, Colonel Philip Van Koughnet, to his children and grandchildren was this. He said that the family had come originally from Colmar in Alsace, their name being von Gochnat, and had emigrated to America, and settled in Massachusetts, on the site of the present city of Springfield, the Woolwich of that country—that city, in fact, being built upon what was their property. He said his father had been born on the high seas in that journey to America, when his parents were emigrating.

Colonel Philip Van Koughnet also told his children that the cause of the departure of the von Gochnats from their native country, was that they were unwilling to live under the French flag after Alsace had been ceded by Germany to France, and the same spirit of loyalty actuated his father in leaving what afterwards became the United States of America, when they revolted against Great Britain.

Upon the breaking out of the American Revolutionary War, they took part with the Royalists, and Michael Van Koughnet was accordingly proscribed by the United States Government; his property confiscated, and he obliged with many others to



*Colonel The Hon. Philip Van Koughnet.*



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flee the country or take the consequence of a price having been set upon his head. He left with his wife and two infant children, taking an Indian for his guide, and crossed in the depth of winter to British territory, striking Cornwall, in the county of Stormont, then a wilderness with the exception of a few Dutch settlers who had found their way thither. The original name von Gochnat subsequently became corrupted into Van Koughnet, the change having been brought about by contact with the Dutch residents, who did not understand the German name, and was acquiesced in by the family, who seemed to have little anxiety for anything in their distressed condition than carving out a new way for themselves.

The late Lawrence Van Koughnet, youngest son of Colonel Philip Van Koughnet, remembered his mother speaking of a relative of his father's, who came over from Germany to visit them at Cornwall. He was an officer in the German army. He returned home, and since then all intercourse with their Alsatian relations appears to have ceased. This was before Lawrence Van Koughnet was born.

MICHAEL VAN KOUGHNET, who was born at sea in 1751, and who settled in Cornwall, married Eve, daughter of John Bolton Empey. He died October, 1832. Issue of Michael:—

1. John—married Miss Bruce.
2. Michael.
3. Philip, of whom presently.
4. Mary—married George Anderson.
5. Eve—married Richard Everitt.

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6. Margaret—married N. Dickinson, M.D., U.E.L.

7. Christiana—married William Cline of Cornwall (son of John Cline, U.E.L.). Issue of Christiana Cline :—

(1) William.

(2) Robert, who died in 1848 at Toronto, where he had gone to be called to the Bar of Upper Canada.

(3) Margaret—married Hon. Alexander Morris, P.C.D.C., Lieut. - Governor of Manitoba, in the North - West Territories.

COLONEL THE HON. PHILIP VAN KOUGHNET. Member of the Legislative Council. Born at Cornwall, U.C., 1790, died there 1873. Married 1st April, 1819, Harriet Sophia,\* daughter of Matthew Scott of Carrick-on-Suir, co. Tipperary.

In the American War of 1812-13, he was present at the battle of Chrysler's Farm as a subaltern officer, and during the Rebellion of 1837-8 he was Lieut.-Colonel of the 5th Battalion of Incorporated Militia and was at the battle of the Windmill Prescott. His son Philip, also William and Robert Cline, were in the regiment and took part in the engagement. Colonel

\* There is a romantic story connected with the great-grandmother of Harriet Sophia Scott. She was Cornelia Hyners, a member of the Royal House of Orange, and was discarded by her father on account of her marriage with Colonel Woods, an English gentleman. After the marriage her husband brought her to England and returned to Holland. Whilst there he fought a duel, in which he was killed. His body was taken to England, and reached the house at the time his wife, who was hourly expecting his arrival, had invited some friends to greet him. Their daughter Diana, born in 1702, married Dr. Henry Fisher, born in Queen's County, Ireland, in 1700. He went to North America, settled there, and becoming successful, he sent for his wife to come out to him. They had four children. The youngest, Elizabeth, when only eighteen, went on a visit to Ireland in a hopeless endeavour to regain a family estate which had been lost to them. During that visit she became acquainted with Mr. Scott, and married him.

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Van Koughnet continued in command of the regiment until it was disbanded.

He was a member of one or the other branch of the Legislature of Upper Canada for over thirty years, being in the Legislative Council in 1840, when the Union of Upper and Lower Canada took place. At the time of his death he was Chairman of the Board of Government Arbitrators for the Dominion. He had issue:—

1. Philip Michael Matthew Scott, of whom presently.
2. Matthew Robert of Toronto, Barrister-at-law and Bencher of the Law Society. Born 16th September, 1824. Married, 1850, Elizabeth Hagerman Macaulay. Died 28th November, 1874. He left issue.
3. Bolton John, died.
4. William John, died.
5. Salter Jehosaphat of Toronto, Barrister-at-law, Q.C., Recorder to the Courts. Born 20th April, 1833. Married October, 1857, Agnes, daughter of the Hon. Benjamin Seymour of Port Hope. He died 20th June, 1888, leaving with other issue:—

Arthur Herbert Seymour, married Gertrude, daughter of Stephen E. Smith, of Sherbrooke;

Gertrude Agnes, married Hugh John Macdonald, son of the late Right Hon. Sir John Alexander Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada.

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8. Lawrence, in the Civil Service of Canada for thirty-three years; Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs in Canada. Born 7th October, 1836. Married 5th July, 1870, Lucy, daughter of James Grant, L.R.S.E., of Corrimony, co. Inverness, Scotland, and sister of Sir James Grant, M.D., of Ottawa.

9. Annie Eve Philipine—married Pearson Philip Harris.

10. Harriet Louisa—married Dr. Cox Allen.

11. Anna Catharine, died unmarried.

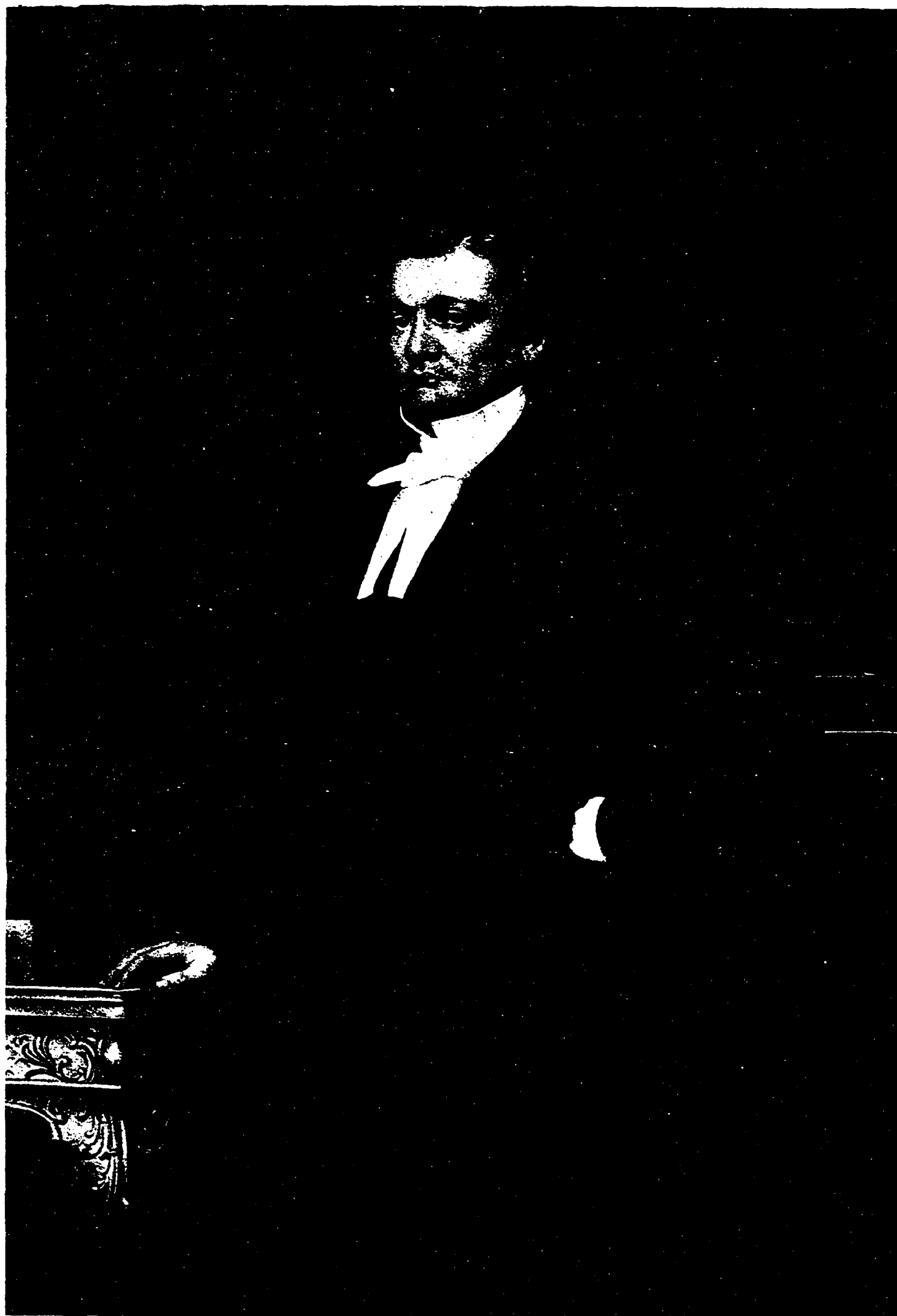
12. Margaret Elizabeth, died young.

13. Anna, died young.

THE HON. PHILIP MICHAEL MATTHEW SCOTT VAN KOUGHNET, Q.C., was born 21st January, 1822, was Lieutenant in the 5th Battalion Incorporated Canadian Militia, and served as a subaltern in the war of 1837. He was called to the Bar in 1843, and took silk in 1849. He was President of the Council and Minister of Agriculture in 1856. In 1858 he was made Commissioner of Crown Lands, and was elected (representing Rideau) a member of the Legislative Council of Canada. He became Chancellor of Upper Canada in 1862, in which position he continued until his death. He was at one time delegate to England to confer with the Imperial Government in regard to the International Railway.

Chancellor Van Koughnet had a brilliant and witty mind, and his judgments are still quoted in the law courts of Canada. He married, 14th November, 1845, Elizabeth, daughter of Colonel Barker Turner, K.H. (Knight of Hanover, which honour was conferred on him after Waterloo).





*The Hon. Philip M. M. S. Van Koughnet,  
Chancellor of Upper Canada.*



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Chancellor Van Koughnet died 7th November, 1869, leaving issue two sons:--Philip Turner, born September, 1847, and Edmund Barker.

EDMUND BARKER VAN KOUGHNET was born at Toronto on the 14th July, 1849. He commenced his education at Lennoxville in Mr. Rawson's house (the father of Admiral Sir Harry Rawson). He went down to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to pass his examination on board the old flagship *Nile*, for the cadetship which had been offered to his father, the Chancellor, for him, and subsequently he came to England to the *Britannia*.

He was appointed:—

Naval Cadet and Midshipman, 4th January to 31st October, 1865, H.M.S. *Aurora* (Captain F. L. McClintock).

Midshipman, 1st November, 1865 to 25th October, 1867, H.M.S. *Aurora* (Captain A. F. R. de Horsey).

Midshipman, 25th October, 1867 to 13th October, 1868, H.M. Gunboat *Heron* (Lieut.-Commander Lewis Solly).

Edmund Van Koughnet served with the Lake Squadron during the Fenian raid in Canada in 1866, and received a medal and clasp; also as Midshipman he saved two boys from drowning in the St. Lawrence River, near Brockville, Ontario. He jumped into the water and swam to their rescue, being heavily handicapped by having on long fishing boots. For this he was given the Royal Humane Society's Medal, August, 1868.

Midshipman, 19th October, 1868, to 24th December, 1868, H.M.S. *Constance* (Captain Burgoyne).

For passing. Midshipman, 25th December, 1868, to 19th April,

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1869 ; 28th September, 1869, to 28th December, 1869, H.M.S. *Caledonia* (Captain Cochran).

Acting Sub-Lieutenant, 29th December, 1869, to 6th June, 1871, H.M.S. *Caledonia* (Captain Cochran).

Acting Sub-Lieutenant, 7th June to 25th August, 1871, H.M.S. *Caledonia* (Captain Charles Pringle).

Acting Sub-Lieutenant, 11th September, 1871, to 20th December, 1871, H.M.S. *Excellent* (Captain Henry Boys). D. to *Duke of Wellington*. Passed examination.

Sub-Lieutenant, 21st December, 1871, to 24th September, 1872, H.M.S. *Caledonia* (Captain E. Lambert).

Sub-Lieutenant, 25th September to 7th December, 1872, H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington* (Captain W. C. Glyn).

Sub-Lieutenant, 9th December, 1872, to 10th September, 1873, H.M.S. *Valorous* (Captain Arthur Thrupp).

Sub-Lieutenant, 11th September, 1873, to 24th December, 1873, H.M.S. *Duke of Wellington* (Captain W. C. Glyn).

Lieutenant, 22nd July to 8th October, 1875, H.M.S. *Iron Duke* and *Endymion* (Captain Buckle).

Lieutenant, 9th October, 1875, to 9th November, 1877, H.M.S. *Minotaur*, Flagship of Channel Squadron (Captain Lord Walter J. Kerr, bearing flag of Sir Beauchamp Seymour, K.C.B.).

Lieutenant, 10th November, 1877, to 6th August, 1879, H.M.S. *Minotaur*, Flagship of Channel Squadron (Captain Harry H. Rawson, bearing flag of Lord John Hay, K.C.B.). As a Lieutenant he had nine years' sea time in a ship-of-war at sea.

He was selected by Admiral Lord John Hay as A.D.C. and Private Secretary during his administration of Cyprus in 1878,



*Edmund Parker Van Koughnet.*



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and was afterwards attached to the Staff of Lord Wolseley as Captain of the Port of Larnaca.

Selected by Admiral Sir Leopold McClintock as Flag Lieutenant whilst in command of North America and West Indies, from the autumn of 1879 to January, 1883, H.M.S. *Northampton*.

9th January, 1883, appointed Second Lieutenant of H.M.S. *Alexandra*, Flagship of Mediterranean Squadron (Captain H. H. Rawson, bearing flag of Vice-Admiral Lord John Hay, K.C.B.).

Commissioned this ship as First Lieutenant, doing duty as such from then until June, 1884, during a greater part of the time, when landed for service with the Nile expedition for relief of Khartoum. (Captain F. Bedford was organizing the Nile flotilla; the command was subsequently taken by Captain F. Boardman.)

Employed on the lines of communication in command of Nile steamer *Säidieh*, until November of the same year.

Transferred to Nile steamer *Lotus* in course of construction, and for duty with Nile boats, working them over the Cataracts.

Appointed to the command of the 2nd Division of Naval Brigade to proceed to the front.

Distinguished himself by making the quickest passage on record up the Nile from Gemai to Korti in twenty days, *vide* Lord Wolseley's memo.

Crossed the Desert in command of the 2nd Division of Naval Brigade from Korti to Matemmeh.

Proceeded up the river with Captain Lord Charles Beresford, as second in command, to the relief of Sir Charles Wilson, with a picked crew. Was severely wounded through left thigh by an expanding Rimington bullet whilst in command of the Machine Gun Battery, Nile steamer *Safia*, at Wad-el-Habeshe.

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Lieut. Van Koughnet was, for service in Naval Brigade at the rescue of Sir C. Wilson, promoted to Commander, 4th February, 1885, and specially mentioned in despatches.

One of the three critical cases of officers that had to be carried by Gordon's soldiers across the Desert, 176 miles.

He received the Egyptian medal and Khedive's bronze star.

From Lord Wolseley's despatch, at Korti, 16th March, 1885 :—

‘In a previous despatch I have drawn attention to the admirable service rendered by Lord Charles Beresford and the officers and men under him. I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which they have all done their work, nor too strongly of the value of that work to the Expedition. I trust that your Lordship may see fit to bring their excellent conduct on all occasions under the notice of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

‘I have, &c.,

(Signed)

‘WOLSELEY, General.

‘The Right Honourable Marquess of Hartington.’



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## EXTRACTS FROM LIEUT. VAN KOUGHNET'S DIARY DURING NILE EXPEDITION, 1884-5.

WIND.	FORCE.	WEATHER.	BAROMETER.	THERMOMETER (AIR).
E.N.E.	1·2	B.W.	30·02	81°
Northerly.	1	B.C.	29·92	73°

*June 21. H.M.S. 'Alexandra' at Port Said.*

A.M.—Saturday.

P.M.—Telegram from C. I. C.\* ordering me up the Nile with a party of men to man and arm a steamer above Assouan. Hurrah!

WIND.	FORCE.	WEATHER.	BAROMETER.	THERMOMETER (AIR).
N.W.	2·3	B.C.	30·04	79°
Northerly.	1	B.C.	30·01	73°

*June 22.*

A.M.—Sunday. A number of people came off to church. Preparing for a move.

P.M.—A worse place to get gear in it would be hard to imagine.

*June 23. H.M.S. 'Condor,' from Port Said to Alexandria.*

A.M.—Orders received from Capt. Buckle with reference to Nile party. Ordered to proceed in *Condor* to Alexandria in command of party consisting of Sub.-Lieut. Napier, one Gunner's Mate, one Quartermaster, one Lg. Stoker, one 2nd class P.O., one E.S., one Signalmen, eight A.B.'s, two ord<sup>ys</sup>, and one manservant.

P.M. 2.0.—Slipped, and proceeded out of Canal.

\* Vice-Admiral Lord John Hay, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean, at that time on board H.M.S. *Helicon*.

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P.M. 2.15. — Passed Flagship. All hands on Deck, band playing, &c. Head wind and sea outside. Making about 5·5 full speed.

### *June 24.*

A.M.—Wind and sea still ahead. Speed about 6·5. Towards noon wind drawing aft. Motion unpleasant.

P.M.—Set F. and A. sails ; speed nearly 8 knots.

3.30.—Rounded breakwater ; 4.0 stopped, made fast to buoy. Went on board *Invincible* to report arrival to Captain Buckle. Found we were not to leave for Assiout until Monday night, 30th June. Ordered to live on board *Invincible* with the men.

### *June 25.*

A.M.—Weather distinctly warm. On shore saw commissariat offr. with reference to mess traps ; very civil.

P.M.—Ramleh.

### *June 26.*

A.M.—Shopping, &c., and making preparations for Nile expedition.

P.M.—As in forenoon.

### *June 27. H.M.S. 'Invincible' at Alexandria.*

A.M.—Shopping, &c.

P.M.—Ramleh. Weather oppressively hot.

### *June 28.*

A.M.—Preparing for Expedition.

P.M.—Ramleh ; paid two visits.

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*June 29.*

A.M.—Sunday. Great heat.

P.M.—Ramleh ; very sorry to say good-bye.

*June 30.*

A.M.—Shopping and making preparations.

P.M.—Left *Invincible* shortly after 5 o'clock with men and stores. Loaded two vans. One first-class carriage for ourselves, one third for men, in which they could sling their hammocks. Train to leave at 9 o'clock. Altho' we found the trucks and carriages, there was no one there to show us what to do—most inconvenient—consequently an extra van had been laden which I objected to take on when coming down to train at 8.40 p.m.

Station Master and subordinates slow and uncivil. Left about 10.20 p.m.

*July 1. Nile Steamer 'Mahmoudieh' Assiout to Assouan.*

A.M.—Night pleasantly cool. Men most comfortable ; no complaints. Reached Boulak, opposite Cairo, at 7.30. Found Cook's agent, who was most courteous and kind. Also Dragoman and Cook for party. Left Boulak at 8.45 ; getting hot and dusty.

P.M.—The<sup>r</sup> in carriage, 98°. Men remain very comfortable ; no complaints. 7.30 arrived at Assiout ; met by Lieut. Ede, Sub.-Lt. Munro, and men of *Mahmoudieh* ; marched on board. Everything done to make us comfortable. Men all well and in good spirits.

*July 2.*

A.M.—Weather hot—uncomfortably hot ; about 95°. Visited bazaar and town with Dragoman. Found a great many European

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necessaries of life can be obtained, and a few luxuries. Bazaar not so dirty or smelly as one usually finds in Oriental towns. A Bible dépôt, where French, English, and Arabic books can be obtained. Jewellers and bootmakers seem to be the leading tradespeople. Donkeys numerous and good. Hotel fair; a small shop attached, where groceries, beer, spirits, &c., can be obtained. Kearney, A.B., hurt himself slightly.

### *July 3.*

A.M. 4.0.—Cast off and proceeded up the river. Weather cool and pleasant. Max. temp.  $95^{\circ}$ ; strong N. breeze. Current running in most places about 2 knots. Speed over the ground about 6 knots. Took the ground twice, but came off again at once. Vibration makes it hard to write. Large nos of water buffalo. Irrigation going on in most primitive form. Passed a large n° of gayassas bound both ways. Also a few dahabeahs. 8.30 stopped and anchored off Girgeh.

### *July 4.*

A.M. 4.0.—Weighed and proceeded up river; current about the same.

P.M. 5.0.—Stopped and made fast alongside a barge at Keneh. Colonel Slade and an Engineer officer here. Walked into the town. Buildings seemingly superior to Assiout; bazaars not so good. Passed Consulates for France and Germany. Consular agent for Russia came on board with Mudir. Coaled and hauled out into stream. Max. temp.  $103^{\circ}$ .

### *July 5.*

A.M. 4.0.—Proceeded up river. 11.0, stopped and made fast at Luxor. Ashore for  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour; a photographer here. Very hot.

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P.M. 12.30.—Proceeded. 7.0, stopped and anchored off Esneh. Max. temp. 98°.

*July 6.*

A.M. 5.0. — Proceeded. Coolest day we have had since starting up. Strong N. breeze.

P.M. — Passed steamers with barges in tow, having on board military, 35th and commss<sup>t</sup>. Communicated by Morse with do. Max. temp. 95°. 5.30, stopped and made fast alongside bank at Koumombo. 35th arrived. Visited ruins. Dined with 35th.

*July 7.*

A.M. 5.0.—Left Koumombo. Proceeding up river. 9.30, stopped and went alongside *Gizeh*. Reported arrival to Captain Bedford and discharged stores. Proceeded alongside bank. Sent stores for *Säidieh* and *Nassafera* to station. Hauled off into stream.

P.M.—Went over to Shellal and saw *Säidieh*. Carpenters at work. Made necessary arrangements. Returned to Assouan. Dined with Captn. Bedford.

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103°

84°

*July 8.*

A.M. 6.30.—Left by train for Shellal with ship's coy. to clean ship and see to things generally. Carpenters at work and everything going on satisfactorily.

P.M.—Cleaning ship, taking stock, &c. Mounted Gardner. Returned to *Mahmoudieh*. Train broke down, many things.

Preparing to turn over to *Säidieh*.

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WIND  
Northerly

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107°  
82°

*July 9.*

*Nile Steamer 'Saïdieh,' patrolling River. Philæ to Wady Halfa.*

A.M. 6.30.—Left *Mahmoudieh* with ship's coy. of *Saïdieh* to take over charge. 8.0, hoisted white ensign and pendant. Emp<sup>d</sup> receiving stores. Carpenters altering fittings and being employed as requisite.

P.M.—Cleaning up and getting ship into order. Mus<sup>d</sup> at Quarters. Ex<sup>d</sup> at Fire Qrs. Max. temp. 98°.

THERMOMETER (AIR)  
101°  
86°

*July 10.*

A.M.—Captn. Bedford and Mr. Rustovitch, Cook's agent, came on board. Carpenters fitting arm racks, paddle box, benches, &c. Preparing for going up river.

P.M.—Carpenters as reqste. Read station, man, and arm ship. Captn. Bedford, Mr. Street, A.P., coxswain and dragoman joined for passage up river, but were recalled by telegram from Admiral.

THERMOMETER (AIR)  
98°  
79°

*July 11.*

A.M.—Got up steam. Mr. Gordon, Reuter's correspondent, came on board for passage. Captn. Bedford, &c., left the ship. 8.30, cast off and proceeded up river, *Nassafera* in coy. Banks inland for the most part up to 200 yards can be easily commanded by Gardner, but hills and high rocks behind w<sup>d</sup> give an enemy an overpowering advantage in sweeping our decks.

P.M. 3.0.—Stopped and anchored off Kalabasheh. Procured fresh mutton at /7 lb. alive, including heart, liver, and kidneys.

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THERMOMETER (AIR)

98°

81°

*July 12.*

A.M. 5.0.—Weighed and proceeded up river. Country opening out more. 5.30, entered the Tropics. 10.30, ob<sup>sd</sup> *Nassafera* standing into bank, boat swamping thro' leakage, ours in very little better condition. Stopped and hauled both up on bank for repair, 3 miles below Dakkeh.

P.M. 1.0.—Proceeded. 3.30, passed Allagi, maize crop just here on both banks seems wonderfully fine. 6.0, stopped and anchored off Saiala, communicated with Sheik Bashāiri of Kitchener's. Reception most cordial. No news of any description. Evening cool and pleasant. Saiala is a fairly long district, with few houses, those small.

Q<sup>rs</sup>, manned and armed ship. Carp<sup>trs</sup> building roof over saloon deck.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

109°

82°

*July 13.*

A.M.—Night turned out close and hot. Ther. at mid<sup>t</sup> 89°. 8.0, weighed and proceeded up river. 9.0, stopped and communicated with *Nassafera* for med. ass<sup>ce</sup>, Walter House, D.S. Proceeded. 9.30, Divisions. Prayers. Inspected ship with Surgeon McIver, found everything in very good order from a naval and medical point of view. Prayers. 11.30, Passed Saboa.

P.M. 1.45.—Passed underneath high rocks about 8 miles below Korosko, w<sup>h</sup> would fully command our decks no matter how protected unless overhead. River only navigable this side. Width of river just here from 4 to 500 yards at present state of Nile. Rocks from 180 to 400 feet high. 3.30, stopped and

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anchored off Korosko. Tel. arrival. Recd. tel. to return to Philæ by Sunday night. Communicated with Major Kitchener and Col. Inglefield. No news. Presented to several Sheiks. Principal one, Bishār. S. Hughes receiving med. asst<sup>ce</sup>. Men (sick) doing well.

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108°

81°

*July 14.*

A.M.—Men improving most satisfactorily. Korosko is simply a small village of huts lying back about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Major Kitchener and his people are encamped to the north, sheiks and followers being outside on the Abu-Hamed road. Col. Inglefield and the native troops are to the south but adjoining. Camp very carefully guarded. Earthworks being formed, &c. Communicated with Major Kitchener.

P.M.—Tel. returning to Philæ. 4.0, received Sheik Bishār and 3 native officers for Assouan. 4.15, weighed and proceeded down river for Saboa, where we anchored at 6.15. Communicated. No news. Saboa is a wretched place of some  $\frac{1}{2}$  a dozen houses. The inhabitants are like the place. The ruins being of soft stone are much worn. A marriage on the opposite bank. Camels rushing about, &c. Sheik Bishār presented me with a lamb.

Sick doing very well. M. and A. ship.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

105°

83°

*July 15.*

A.M. 7.0.—Proceeded down river for Philæ. Sick men improving rapidly. Carpenters fitting forw<sup>d</sup> shield. Quarters. Stream running from 3 to 4 miles. Making very good way down river.



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P.M. 5.15.—Stopped and anchored off Shellal. Rec<sup>d</sup> orders from Captn. Bedford to embark General Grenfell and Staff (Majors Chapman and Hewlett). They came down by eve: train and embarked, also rec<sup>d</sup> one sapper for passage to Wady Halfa.\*

THERMOMETER (AIR)

103°

84°

*July 16.*

A.M. 5.0.—Proceeded alongside bank. 7.30, commenced coaling. Discharged four carpenters to Mahmoudieh. 10.0, finished coaling. Cut off and proceeded up river, having on board Brig<sup>d</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Grenfell, Majors Chapman and Hewlett, 1 Pte. R.E., 1 Capt<sup>n</sup> Egyptian Gen<sup>die</sup>, 1 Sergt., 1 Corp., 4 Ptes. and 2 servants Egy<sup>tn</sup> and Sheik Mahmoud (and Abdel Kader Maghribbe).

P.M. 4.0.—Passed Kalabsheh. M. and A. ship. 7.45, stopped and anchored off, below Kerseh.

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100°

83°

*July 17.*

4.0.—Weighed and proceeded up river, went alongside bank at Kooshtamna to purchase fresh meat. 6.45, proceeded. 10.0, passed Siala, ob<sup>sd</sup> 34 men mounted on camels probably Kitchener's: cutlass and signal instruction.

H.M. 1.0.—Passed Saboa. 5.20, stopped and made fast alongside bank at Korosko. Communicated with Col. Inglefield and Major Rundle (Kitchener at Halfa). General landed and inspected camp and works, also Kitchener's irregulars. These latter mounted

\* Orders were also sent to give passage up to a native who was trying to take a message through to General Gordon.

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on camels looked very strange and wild, at a given signal they galloped into desert.

Inglefield and Rundle dined. Q<sup>rs</sup>: Gardner drill. Anchored in stream.

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108°

83°

*July 18.*

A.M.—General landed and inspected Batt: 10.20, weighed and proceeded up river. Gave passage to Capt. Bray and one native officer. Divisions: signal inst<sup>n</sup>.

P.M. 1.0.—Passed Derr. River gets more discoloured as we go up. 6.15, Q<sup>rs</sup>. Prepared for action. 6.30, stopped and anchored off Achien. Gardner and signal instruction.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

108°

83°

*July 19.*

A.M. 5.0.—Weighed and proceeded up river. 8.30, passed Jemabool. 9.0, ob<sup>sd</sup> *Nassafera*. Stopped, went alongside bank, *Nassafera* ditto. Communicated. Major Kitchener came on board. 'Shendy,' Hassan, 'Abdalah.' 10.30, proceeded. *Nassafera* proceeding down river. The character of the river entirely changed, the banks are low and sloping and land a muddy colour. Saturday cleaning ship. Surgeon McIver returned to *Nassafera*. A farther curious phenomenon about the banks is that in many places the W. is yellow sand, E. mud colour.

P.M. 4.50.—Arrived at Wady Halfa. Proceeded alongside bank to discharge some stores brought up from Philæ. Col. Trotter ill with fever, anchored in stream. Discharged Pte. R.E.

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THERMOMETER (AIR)

106°

75°

*July 20.*

Sunday, A.M.—General inspecting Battn. and works. Divisions. Prayers. Communicated with Sheik Haleb, who was most friendly.

P.M.—Went by train to great cataract, was not much impressed. Unless the face of the bed changes materially, I cannot see how steamers can be got up, even at high Nile—there may have been channels I did not see. Dined with 3rd Batt.

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THERMOMETER (AIR)

A.M.

P.M.

107°

Rifle.

Signals.

76°

*July 21. Nile steamer 'Saïdieh,' from Wady Halfa to Philæ.*

A.M. 5.0.—Proceeded alongside bank, embarked military stores, 2 officers, 1 sergt., 2 corpl. and natives, 1 telegraph clerk (Arab) for Philæ. 5.40, proceeded down river. 9.30, stopped off Aboo Simbal and visited (caves), Temple. They are really very wonderful and were built in the time of Ramases the Great, to whom Joseph was Governor. 10.30, proceeded.

P.M. 3.0.—Stopped and went alongside bank at Derr. Sheik Mohammed Suiliman and Moawin Mahmoud. Everything very quiet and the people happy. No outlying tribes about and no one trying to raise a ferment. Date crops v.g., unable to say about doola as it is too young. Returned Sheik's visit with General. Visited temple at back of town. 5.0, proceeded. 6.30, stopped and anchored off Korosko. Communicated with Col. Inglefield and Major Kitchener. Latter preparing for his journey to Dongola. Dined with Bray. M. & A. ship.

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	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>July 22.</i>	Aiming drill.	Gardner, signal.	100° 78°

A.M. 8.30.—Weighed and proceeded down river, gave passages to 1 officer, 2 sergts., 4 corporals and 3 men to Philæ. Divisions. Prayers.

P.M. 4.0.—Passed and communicated with native cavalry regt. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  squadron) *en route* for Halfa. 5.0, stopped and anchored off Kalabsheh. Commu<sup>d</sup> with the shore. Sheik was absent, but inhabitants assured me everything was quiet. 6.0, proceeded. 6.15, met *Nassafëra* towing two dahabeahs. Stopped and communicated. 7.0, proceeded. 7.30, anchored off Embarakab (Tafa).

	A.M.	P.M.	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>July 23.</i>	Painting ship and	cooling.	100° 79°

A.M.—Landed with B<sup>g</sup> General Grenfell and interviewed the Sheik of Tafa. He has promised to bring news of the missing Cadi to be given to the next Nile steamer passing. 7.0, weighed and proceeded for Philæ. 10.0, arrived, went alongside bank, disembarked Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen. Grenfell and Staff, military stores, &c. Coaling. Divisions. Prayers.

P.M.—Coaling.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>July 24.</i>	Painting.		100° 81°

A.M.—Painting ship.

P.M.—As in forenoon. Re<sup>cd</sup> telegram from Captain Bedford to remain at Philæ until further orders, unless General requests services.

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DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
A.M.	P.M.	
Painting ship.		96°
		80°

*July 25. Nile Steamer 'Saïdieh,' at Philæ.*

A.M.—Painting ship and as req<sup>ste</sup>.

P.M.—As in forenoon.

DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
A.M.	P.M.	
<i>July 26.</i>		96°
Painting ship.		77°

A.M.—Painting and cleaning ship. Shifted berth.

P.M.—As in forenoon. General came over to Shellal. Returned to Assouan with him and dined with Hewlett.

DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
A.M.	P.M.	
<i>July 27.</i>		97°
Sunday.		78°

A.M. Sunday.—Reported on position of Military Hospital Steamer at Assouan. Missed train and rode over.

P.M.—Re<sup>cd</sup> telegram from Bedford about Gardner shields and to make arrangements for moving troops. Re<sup>cd</sup> Mr. Floyer and telegraph staff on board for passage to Wady Halfa. 11.0, Frenchman came on board for passage to Halfa, wh. I refused. He had no credentials or authority, merely said he was travelling in search of antiquities.

DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
A.M.	P.M.	
<i>July 28.</i>		104°
		78°

A.M. 7.0.—Weighed and took in tow 2 dahabeahs having on board 2 comp<sup>ys</sup> 205 strong, one co<sup>py</sup> for Korosko, the other Wady Halfa, Major Zuri in command. Re<sup>cd</sup> telegram to

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always keep one steamer between Korosko and Wady Halfa. 8.45, proceeded, towing very well, crossed hawsers. Dahabeahs sailing with small sails. 3.30, stopped and comm<sup>d</sup> with Dauert. No news of missing Cadi or Aboo Hamad Sedai. 4.15, proceeded. 8.15, arrived and went alongside bank at Tafa for night. Interviewed Sheik Suliman and made him come with me, as I think it expedient to take him to Korosko, he having knowledge of the man at Shemat who harboured Sheik Ahmed Abdali. M. A. ship, made about 31'.

‘L<sup>t</sup> VAN KOUGHNET, R.N.,

‘Com<sup>g</sup> Nile SS. *Säidieh*.

‘Would you be so good as to make enquiries at Embarakab, at the Village nearest to the place of the late disturbance—if all is now quiet—if the Kadi has now returned to Dachmud—and if so, arrest him and hand him over to the Vakeel of the Mudir—who is with Maj. Rundle investigating the case at Korosko, using the E<sup>n</sup> soldiers on board as escort if you think fit.

‘Please wire me from Korosko y<sup>r</sup> opinion as to the state of that part of the country, for the information of Lt.-Gen. Stephenson.

‘27.7.84.’

‘F. GRENFELL, B.

DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
A.M.	P.M.	
Parts of rifle and putting together lock and breech.	Gardner and Signals.	102° 77°

*July 29. Nile Steamer ‘Säidieh,’ from Philæ to Wady Halfa.*

A.M. 5.20.—Proceeded. 6.0, stopped at Shemat to inquire about missing Cadi, but found that his cousin, Duma Abraham,

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with whom Sheik of Tafa says Cadi had stayed, was not there, he, his wife and children having left. 6.45, Proceeded. No wind. Dahabeahs towing very heavily. Average consumption of coal per hour 8 kantars.

P.M.—Quarters. M. and A. ship. 7.20, stopped and secured alongside bank at Constamne, made about 30'.

	THERMOMETER (AIR)	
	103°	
<i>July 30.</i>	78°	

A.M. 4.40.—Proceeded. Current very strong, making but little over 2' an hour. Every now and then dahabeahs could use their sails, but of very little use. Divisions. Prayers.

P.M. 7.0.—Arrived and made fast opposite Saboa. Found some of Kitchener's Bedouins here. Sheik sent on letter to Col. Duncan.

No news. All quiet.

	THERMOMETER (AIR)	
	98°	
<i>July 31.</i>	80°	

A.M. 4.40.—Proceeded. 6.15, stopped and communicated with *Nassafera* proceeding down river. 7.0, proceeded. Distance in *Murray*, 12' between Saboa and Korosko, is wrong, 19' is the proper distance. Dr<sup>s</sup>.

P.M. 2.45.—Arr<sup>d</sup> at Korosko. Communicated with Col. Duncan, whose dahabeah we shall tow up to Wady Halfa. One company 105 strong disembarked from dahabeah. Coaling ship. Handed over Sheik of Tafa to Vakil of Mudir of Esna.

Rec<sup>d</sup> 200 kantars coal, 10.0. Exercised at night, 9.0.

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	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
			104°
<i>August 1.</i>	A.M.	P.M.	80°

A.M. 4.45.—Proceeded up river with one dahabeah, having on board 100 native troops, and also Col. Duncan's dahabeah in tow. Div<sup>ns</sup>. Prayers. River running very strongly. Quarters prep<sup>d</sup> for action. 7.30, stopped and secured alongside bank at Mosmos. Saw the Sheik Achmet. Everything quiet. People contented. Mosmos is about 5 miles above Ibraim I sh<sup>d</sup> say.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
		103°
<i>August 2.</i>	Saturday.	79°

A.M. 4.40.—Proceeded. Dahabeahs able to make use of their sails, consequently we are doing much better. Saturday, cleaning ship, &c.

P.M. 2.45.—Passed Aboo Simbal, having come about 30 miles. Quarters. 7.20, stopped and secured alongside the bank at Paras. Having made about 46 miles. Saw one crocodile and 4 geese.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
		105°
<i>August 3.</i>	Sunday.	76°

A.M. 4.30.—Proceeded. 9.30, Divisions. Prayers. No wind, current strong. 10.30, fair breeze, making good way. Passed half squadron of cavalry on bank.

P.M. 12.45.—Arrived at Halfa. Cast off dahabeahs and proceeded up river to telegraph station with Mr. Floyer and party, distant about 2 miles. Dist. from Paras to Halfa about 24 miles.



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Heard of Kitchener's safe arrival at Dongola yesterday. He was well received by Mudir.

Recrossed river and anchored off Halfa. Stuart Wortley and his camels had come in.

Dahabeahs passed on the way up, 18. Small boats, &c., 96.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>August 4.</i>	Painting ship.	103° 74°

A.M.—Painting and as requisite.

P.M.—Nile rose 19 inches. Commenced to drag. Warped into bank. Dance by Stuart Wortley's Bedouins. Received telegram from Poore that he was leaving Philæ to-morrow with 2 dahabeahs in tow. Rounders.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>August 5.</i>	Painting ship.	97° 74°

A.M.—Accompanied Col. Duncan to witness trial of a Gatling, not successful. Painting ship.

P.M.—Farther trial of Gatling. Still not working satisfactorily. Rode with Donne.

	THERMOMETER (AIR)
DRILLS	
Painting ship.	98°
Surveying cable.	77°

*August 6. Nile Steamer 'Saidieh,' at Wady Halfa.*

A.M.—Lieutenant Napier in Sick List, sprained ankle. Went for camel ride. Saddle came off. Emp<sup>d</sup> painting and surveying cable. *Raffas* and half squadron cavalry arrived.

P.M.—River rising rapidly. M. & A. ship. Fired 50 rounds Gardner. Dined with Reg<sup>t</sup>.

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	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>August 7.</i>	Cutlass.	Signal and Gardner.	105° 82°

A.M.—Col. Duncan left in his dahabeah. Saw clouds for first time since leaving sea-coast. Divisions. Prayers. Painting, &c. 11.0, Rec<sup>d</sup>. telegram from Capt<sup>n</sup> Bedford ordering me to Philæ.

P.M. 12.40.—Proceeded down river. 3.40, passed Aboo Simbel, a dist<sup>t</sup> of 40 miles, stream running 4 to 5 miles an hour I sh<sup>d</sup> judge. Passed Col. Duncan's dahabeah at . . . . 8.50, stopped and secured alongside bank at Korosko.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>August 8.</i>	Parts of Gardner.		108° 80°

A.M. 6.15.—Proceeded down river. Gave passage to one officer, 10 men, 1 invalid and attendant (natives) to Philæ. 8.0, stopped and communicated with *Nassafera* off Saboa. Received mails and Gardner shield. 8.50, proceeded. Divisions. Prayers.

P.M. 2.15.—Passed through Bab el Kalabsheh. Passed dahabeah with stores above Dandoor, E. bank. 2.20, stopped at Tafa and landed Sheik. 4.45, stopped and made fast to bank at Shellal. Sent dragoman across with letter of proceedings, &c., to Captain Bedford. Temp. 9.30 p.m. 99°.

	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>August 9.</i>	110° 84°

A.M.—Saturday. *Nil* endeavoured to get over Cataract, but in the *end* did not succeed. Hawser fouled paddle-wheel and

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cracked tablature. General Grenfell and Captain Bedford on board. Ship brought up by coils of telegraph wire made fast to hawser.

Brought her up. *Nassafera* arrived and anchored.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

111°

83°

*August 10. Nile Steamer 'Saïdieh,' at Philæ.*

A.M.—Sunday. Coaling ship. Went across to Assouan.

P.M.—Coaling. 4.50, finished. Anchored in stream. *Nassafera* came into bank and commenced coaling. 1 coal barge went up.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

113°

81°

*August 11.*

A.M.—*Benisoeff* and *Mahmoudieh* came over the cataract, arriving here at 10 a.m.

One coal barge went up. *Nassafera* and *Mahmoudieh* finished coaling, and hauled out into stream.

P.M.—Received 2 carpenters. Preparing ship to go over great cataract.

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A.M.

P.M.

106°

*August 12.*

Aiming.

79°

A.M.—Carpenters preparing ship to go over 2nd Cataract.

P.M.—As in forenoon.

Received 3 cases Gardner ammunition from *Mahmoudieh*.

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THERMOMETER (AIR)

109°

82°

*August 13.*

A.M.—Went to Assouan to take leave of Capt<sup>n</sup> Bedford. Captain Boardman took over charge of Nile flotilla. Received Comm<sup>t</sup> stores. Came alongside bank and coaled.

P.M.—*Asaszieh* left Assouan for Assiout, Capt<sup>n</sup> Bedford on board.

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109°

83°

*August 14.*

A.M.—*Gizeh* came over Cataract. Captain Boardman inspected ship. Joined Capt<sup>n</sup> Boardman and Mr. Street A.P.

P.M.—General and Staff came on board. Quarters.

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THERMOMETER (AIR)

104°

80°

*August 15.*

A.M.

P.M.

Rifle.

Signal.

A.M.—*Benisoef* went up river with one dahabeah in tow.

6.15.—Hauled off from bank and anchored in stream.

*Nassafera* proceeded up river. Divisions. Prayers.

P.M.—Quarters.

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THERMOMETER (AIR)

103°

78°

*August 16.*

Saturday.

A.M.—Captain Boardman and Mr. Reid and party of 35th went down to clear away towing path on 1st Cataract. *Mah-moudieh* hauled into the bank.

P.M.—Cleaning ship.

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	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Sunday.	100°
<i>August 17.</i>		77°

A.M.—*Gizeh* proceeded up river with a dahabeah in tow (commissariat stores). *Gizeh* also had some of 35th on board. Divisions. Prayers. 5 carpenters joined.

P.M.—One dahabeah went over cataract.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Signal.	99°
<i>August 18.</i>		77°

A.M.—Detachment of 35th came over and embarked in *Mahmoudieh* and dahabeah in tow at 10.15 (3 officers, 130 men). Divisions. Prayers.

P.M.—*Benisoef* arrived. 3.0, *Raffas* arrived. Quarters. M. & A. ship. Detachment of 35th arr<sup>d</sup> and camped. Major Tolson and Lieut. Crawford. Carpenters emp<sup>d</sup> repairing deck, making necessary alterations, &c.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.                      P.M.	98°
<i>August 19.</i>		79°

A.M.—Divisions. Prayers. Preparations for moving troops still going on. River fell 5" in last 24 hours, making in all over 3 feet from highest.

P.M.—Carpenters emp<sup>d</sup> as req<sup>ste</sup>.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.                      P.M.	96°
<i>August 20.</i>	Cutlass.	80°

A.M.—Captain Boardman, Lieut. Napier, and Lg. Stoker went over to Assouan for steam trial of *Nil* and *Talka*.

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Divisions. Prayers. Carpenters employed as requisite. 10.45, *Gizeh* arrived and went alongside bank to coal.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>August 21.</i>	Emp <sup>d</sup> at Cataract.	96° 76°

A.M.—Went alongside bank and embarked 110 native soldiers and 130 labourers for passage to head of Cataract to get *Nil* over. Succeeded in doing this, and got back to Philæ by 11 a.m. *Raffas* went down with *Gizeh's* crew.

P.M.—Crossed over to Assouan and called on Sir Evelyn Wood. 3.30, *Nassafera* arrived. Carpenters employed making good defects on board *Nil*, she having been stove in in three places.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.                  P.M.	
<i>August 22.</i>	Emp <sup>d</sup> at Assouan.	96° 74°

A.M.—Marched one 1st class P.O. and 9 men across to Assouan to unload barge with naval stores. Deckload transferred to another barge.

P.M.—*Benisouef* with a dahabeah in tow proceeded up river with 180 Royal Sussex. Naval Brigade under command of Command<sup>r</sup> Hammill, with Lieut<sup>s</sup> Pigott, de Lisle, Sub-L<sup>t</sup> Pollen, arrived at Philæ and proceeded on board *Gizeh* with their baggage for Halfa. Also Ch. Engineer Benbow. Rec<sup>d</sup> Mr. Sparkes, Engineer, one E. R. A., and one stoker, one prisoner, disch<sup>d</sup>, 3 carp<sup>trs</sup>.

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	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Emp <sup>d</sup> at Cataract.	99°
<i>August 23.</i>		76°

A.M.—7.0, weighed and went alongside bank. Embarked 150 soldiers (natives) for working party at Cataract. 7.30, proceeded. Emp<sup>d</sup> getting *Mahala* and *Benah* over. Both successful. *Benah* damaged starb<sup>d</sup> paddle wheel. Returned to Philæ, went alongside bank. Emp<sup>d</sup> coaling. *Nassafera* also went down to assist. Re<sup>cd</sup> 70 kantars.

P.M.—3.0, anchored in stream, artificers emp<sup>d</sup> repairing *Benah*. *Nil* went down river to tow up horseboat. Arr<sup>d</sup> a detachment of 35th.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Sunday.	100°
<i>August 24.</i>		76°

A.M.—7.50, *Mahala* went up river with Sir Evelyn Wood on board, also towing horseboat. Artificers and carpenters emp<sup>d</sup> on board *Nil* and *Benah*. Divisions. Prayers.

P.M.—2.45, *Nil* proceeded up river with dahabeah in tow, 218 35th. 3.45, *Mahmoudieh* arrived. Carpenters making necessary alterations for carrying troops. Received Surgeon-Major Headley for passage to Halfa. Discharged Lieut. Napier as Transport Officer at Assouan.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
		99°
<i>August 25.</i>		83°

A.M.—6.30, weighed and proceeded alongside bank. *Mahmoudieh* hauled off into stream. 10.0, received Major Sunderland and 50 non-commissioned officers and men for Wady Halfa. 11.45,

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proceeded up river with dahabeah in tow in charge of A. H. C. with stores and field hospital. Stream running about  $3\frac{1}{2}$ .

P.M.—2.10, passed Dabood. 5.45, Gertasse. Must<sup>d</sup> at Q<sup>rs</sup>, Ex<sup>d</sup> at Fire Q<sup>rs</sup>. 7.30, arr<sup>d</sup> at Tafa and secured for the night. Interviewed Sheik, all quiet. Gave his son a passage to Halfa. Dahabeah sailed; we made about 4' an hour.

DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
Rifle.	Signal.	103°
		80°

*August 26.—Nile steamer 'Saïdieh' from Philæ to Wady Halfa.*

A.M. 4.30.—Proceeded up river. 6.20, passed Kalabasheh. 9.30, Divis<sup>ns</sup>, inspected arms. Dahabeah split her sail along the head from yardarm to yardarm, lowered yard and hoisted halacaan yard. Cutting large sail to make halacaan as they had not got one. Scrubbed hammocks.

P.M. 0.15.—Passed Gerf Hosseyn. 3.15, Dakkeh—feel loss of dahabeah's sail much, about 5 miles an hour. Quarters. M. & A. ship. 6.30, passed and communicated with *Nil* towing a dahabeah and having on board detachment of Sussex. 7.0, stopped at Siala. *Nil* secured alongside bank astern. Artificers making good defects on board *Nil*.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	102°
<i>August 27.</i>	Aiming.		79°

A.M. 3.0.—*Nil* proceeded up river. 4.30, cast off and proceeded up river. 8.0, passed *Nil*. Divisions. Prayers. 10.30, Saboah.

P.M. 2.30.—Passed *Gizeh* going down, stream at Korosko bend very hard, about 5 to 6 miles an hour in some parts. No wind, dahabeahs unable to get up. Sh<sup>a</sup> strongly recommend a steamer



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being stationed here to help dahabeahs up. 5.0, communicated with Korosko to enquire for telegrams and proceeded immediately, making about 1.5 miles an hour. 7.15, secured alongside bank about 3 miles above Korosko. Q<sup>rs</sup>. M. & A. ship.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.
<i>August 28.</i>	Cutlass.	100° 76°

A.M. 4.30.—Proceeded, stream running very strongly. Divisions. Prayers. 8.0, Derr.

P.M. 0.30.—Ibreem. Quarters. 8.15, secured alongside bank about 6 miles below Aboo Simbal.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.
<i>August 29.</i>	Aiming.	95° 76°

A.M. 4.15.—Proceeded, current very strong. 7.0, Aboo Simbal. Divisions with arms. Prayers. Making good way. Dahabeahs sailing.

P.M.—Strong fresh breeze astern. 5.0, arrived at Wady Halfa. Cast off dahabeah. Disembarked Major Sunderland and detachment 35th, and Surgeon-Major Headley. Received orders to proceed to Korosko to bring up provisions for natives sent from Dongola and Esneh for cataract work. Disch<sup>d</sup> Webb, G<sup>r</sup>'s mate to *Mahalah*. 6.0, proceeded down river. 9.10, stopped 2 miles above Aboo Simbal.

DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
Saturday.	98° 78°

*August 30.—Nile Steamer 'Saidieh,' patrolling.*

A.M. 5.0.—Proceeded. 5.10, stopped, boat swamped, lost rudder and one oar. Repaired leak temporarily and proceeded.

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10.0, arrived at Korosko. Found here *Nassafera*. 11.30, *Nassafera* proceeded with hawser, barge in tow. Emp<sup>d</sup> receiving provisions, 125 bags biscuit, 10 sacks flour (10 linen bags inside). Coaling. Rec<sup>d</sup> 150 kantars.

P.M. 1.45.—Proceeded. 4.45, took dahabeah in tow one mile below Amada, having on board 480 sacks biscuit, 154 rice, 100 Tibin. Quarters. 6.45, cast off dahabeah one mile above Derr. 7.50, passed *Nassafera* 4 miles above Derr. 10.15, Ibreem. Mid<sup>t</sup>, arriv<sup>d</sup> at Mosmos and secured for the night.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Sunday.	96°
<i>August 31.</i>		70°

A.M. 5.0.—Proceeded, communicated with *Mahalah* standing down the river. 8.50, passed *Nil* going down. Divisions. Prayers. 10.30, Aboo Simbal.

P.M.—Steaming well, about 5.5. 6.0, arr<sup>d</sup> at Wady Halfa. Discharged stores and coaled, rec<sup>d</sup> 4 tons.

Lieuts. Pigott and de Lisle in from Naval Brigade camp (which is 12' above), to get *Nassafera* ready to go over cataract. They dined and slept on board.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Coaling.	97°
<i>September 1.</i>		76°

A.M.—Shifted berth alongside *Benissoeuf*. 9.0, commenced coaling from her. Rec<sup>d</sup> 70 kantars. 10.0, *Nassafera* arrived with hemp barge in tow. Rejoined, Chas. Webb, G<sup>r's</sup> m<sup>te</sup>. 10.15, cast off and proceeded down river.

P.M. 1.10.—Aboo Simbal, 40' in less than 3 hours. 2.15, passed and communicated with *Mahmoudieh* and *Gizeh*. Rec<sup>d</sup> mails.

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3.35, passed *Benah* towing a dahabeah. 4.0, Ibream. Quarters. 6.20, arr<sup>d</sup> at Korosko. 6.45, proceeded. 10.20, secured for the night at Maharraka.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 2.</i>	Rifle.		101° 81°

A.M. 5.0.—Proceeded, 3 coal barges passed up. 7.45, passed *Raffas* towing dahabeah with native troops. 2 coal barges passed up. 8.0, stopped at Kalabsheh. Divisions. Prayers. Fresh north<sup>ly</sup> breeze. 11.15, arr<sup>d</sup> and proceeded alongside bank at Philæ. *Nil* proceeded up. Found here *Mahalah*.

P.M.—Coaling.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 3.</i>	Coaling.		103° 78°

*Nile Steamer 'Saïdieh,' from Philæ to Wady Halfa.*

A.M.—Coaling. 8.0, finished. Received 862 kantars, making in all on board 882 kantars. Rode over to Assouan.

P.M.—Rec<sup>d</sup> Commiss<sup>t</sup> stores. 5.45, embarked Lieut. Heath and 50 men S. Stafford, and Q<sup>r</sup>-Master McLaughlin, and 2 serg<sup>ts</sup> C. & T. corps. Took coal barge 110 tons in tow. 6.0, proceeded up river. 8.30, secured alongside bank below Dabood. Fire Quarters. Troops slept on board. Barge sailed. 5 miles.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 4.</i>	Cutlass.	Signal.	93° 78°

A.M. 4.30.—Proceeded, parted both hawsers. 5.45, secured d° and proceeded. 8.0, Dabood. Divisions. Prayers. Passed *Raffas* going down, one da<sup>h</sup> in tow.

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P.M. 1.25.—Gertasse. 3.30, entered Babel Kalabsheh. 4.45, through—a breeze helped us very much, otherwise I am not sure we could have done it. Quarters. M. & A. ship. 8.15, secured alongside bank at Abou-Hor. Shaluppa sailing part of the day, 40 miles.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 5.</i>	Rifle.	Signal.	94° 76°

A.M. 5.0.—*Benah* and *Mahmoudieh* passed down. Proceeded up river. 8.0, Dendoor. Divisions. Prayers. Shaluppa sailing, light breeze. 11.30, Gerf.

P.M. 3.15.—Dakkeh. 4.30, Kortee. Quarters. Prepared for action. 6.30, Maharraka. 9.15, secured alongside bank at Siala, 40 miles. Barge sailing a greater part of the time.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>September 6.</i>	Saturday.	95° 80°

A.M. 4.45.—Proceeded, no wind, making but little way—cleaning ship, etc.—what wind there is ahead. 11.45, Saboa, one small coal shaluppa there.

P.M. 5.0.—Abreast first cliff below Korosko. 7.15, communicated with Korosko. Proceeded. 9.0, passed dahabeah with English troops disabled, about 4' below Amada. 11.15, secured alongside bank two miles below Amada, 38½'.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 7.</i>	Sunday.		96° 74°

A.M. 5.0.—Proceeded. 8.0, Derr. Found here *Nil* disabled with barge in tow. Troops, 38th. Key of crank shaft requiring

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repairs. Left L<sup>s</sup> stoker Curran and one carpenter on board. 9.0, proceeded. Divisions. Prayers.

P.M. 2.30.—Ibreem, night breeze for about 2 hours. Quarters. 7.15, secured alongside bank above Tushke. Machinery required adjusting. 36 miles, 66 hours.

DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 8.</i>	Sword and bayonet.	93°
	Gardner.	72°

A.M. 4.0.—Proceeded. Making about 2·5 an hour, no wind. Divisions. Prayers. 10.30, Aboo Simbal. Fair breeze.

P.M.—Making good way. Quarters. 6.50, passed *Mahalah* going down. Strong fair breeze. 9.0, cast off Shaluppa opposite Wady Halfa. 9.20, secured alongside bank. Found here *Gizeh*. Saw Sir Evelyn Wood. 83 hours steaming from Philæ.

DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 9.</i>	Coaling.	90°
		77°

A.M. 6.30.—Disembarked troops. *Nil* with barge in tow arrived at 8 o'clock. Coaling. Rec<sup>d</sup> 60 kantars. *Benissouef* left. Went by train to cataract. *Nassafera* got through another gate about a mile below naval camp. The gate a mile above the camp looks a very hopeless one, and then there is Akbar. Lunched at camp.

P.M.—Joined Surgeon McIver. Dined with Sir Evelyn Wood. 10.0, *Nil* left. Blowing fresh from North<sup>d</sup> all day.

DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 10.</i>	Ammunition.	93°
		72°

A.M. 5.30.—Cast off and proceeded down the river. Blowing fresh from North<sup>d</sup>. 8.0, passed and communicated with *Mah-*

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*moudieh*, 25' below Halfa. 9.15, Aboo Simbal. Divisions. Prayers. 10.0, passed 4 Picket Boats above Armina. Steam and sail.

P.M. 0.5.—Ibreem. 0.15, passed *Benah*. 2.30, comm<sup>td</sup> with Korosko. 3.30, proceeded. No wind. Quarters. 7.0, secured for the night at Maharraka.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 11.</i>	Cutlass.		95° 74°

A.M. 4.0.—Proceeded. 8.0, Tafa. 8.50, passed *Misseri* towing 2 dahabeahs. Divisions. Prayers. 10.10, secured alongside bank at Philæ. *Mahalah* went up towing mounted Infantry.

P.M.—Coaling.

Across to Assouan, dined with General and slept on board his dahabeah.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 12.</i>	Coaling.		96° 75°

A.M.—Coaling. 10.0, finished, re<sup>cd</sup> 750 kantars. 10.0, *Benissoeuf* went up with 4 Batt. native Infantry. *Raffas* came over cataract with General and Captain Boardman.

P.M. 1.0.—*Mahmoudieh* arrived.

*Nil* went up the river. General came down with Chapman and spent the ev<sup>g</sup>: dined and slept. Colonel Aleyne joined with his Dragoman.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 13.</i>	Saturday.		94° 74°

A.M.—Captain Boardman and staff joined. Captn. Boardman: Mr. Street, A.P. Cox<sup>n</sup>: Dragoman and 2 servants: General left. Cleaning ship and scrubbing side. 9.20, proceeded up river with

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Shaluppa in tow. Tibin, barley and 70 native troops. Strong fair wind. Shal<sup>a</sup> sailing. Rec<sup>d</sup> 4000 pounds in gold for conveyance to Halfa.

P.M. 12.30, Dabood. 5.15, Gertasse. Quarters . . . . 7.0, secured alongside bank at Tafa: 32'.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.          P.M.	
<i>September 14.</i>	Sunday.	97° 76°

A.M.—Proceeded. Passed thro' Gate in  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour, light fair breeze. 7.10, Kalabsheh. 8.45, communicated with Mounted Infantry on E. bank. 9.20, stopped and communicated with *Gizeh*. Divisions. Prayers. 11.30, Dandoor.

P.M. 2.—Gerf Hassayn. Passed Egyptian Troops on E. bank at 2.30. 5.0, Dakkeh. Quarters. Breeze off and on during the day. 8.30, secured alongside bank at Maharraka. 7.30, passed *Nil* at Kortee. 46'.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.          P.M.	
<i>September 15.</i>	Rifle.          Signal.	98° 80°

A.M.—Proceeded. *Nil* astern: light breeze. Divisions. Prayers. Scrubbed hammocks. 11.15, Saboah.

P.M. 3.0.—N. end cliffs below Korosko. Breeze very light. 6.0, stopped and communicated by boat with Korosko. 6.30, proceeded. 7.15, secured alongside bank 2 miles above Korosko, 41'. Dry, cloudy.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.          P.M.	
<i>September 16.</i>	Rifle.          Signal.	98° 75°

A.M. 4.0.—Proceeded. 7.30, Amada. 8.45, stopped below Derr to adjust machinery. Divisions. Inspected arms.

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P.M. 3.0.—*Mahalah* going down. 3.40, Ibreem. Quarters. M. & A. ship. Breeze light and able during the day. Cloudy. 7.0, secured at N. Tushke, 32'. 10.30, steamer passed up.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 17.</i>	Cutlass.	Signal.	92° 78°

A.M. 3.30.—Proceeded. 6.0, *Misseri* passed down. Strong fair breeze. Divisions. Prayers. 9.45, Aboo Simbal. Fine strong fair breeze, making about 4.25 an hour.

Noon.—Passed Lieut. Henderson in dahabeah, down. 4.50, *Benissoeuf*, down. *Mahalah* astern since last eve: gaining very little. 5.15, cast off Shaluppa. 5.30, secured alongside bank at Halfa. 65'.

68 hours from Philæ. Engines 33 revs. 4. picket boats and *Mahalah* here. *Nassafera* was got safely over.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 18.</i>			91° 75°

A.M.—Blowing a fresh gale from North<sup>d</sup>. *Mahalah* down. Repairing engines.

P.M.—Colonel Aleyne left.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 19.</i>			90° 70°

*Nile Steamer 'Saïdieh,' from Wady Halfa to Philæ.*

A.M.—*Nil* arrived. Divisions: Ships co<sup>y</sup> rigging derrick for hoisting *Monarch's* picket boat into railway truck. Blowing hard from North<sup>d</sup>.

P.M.—Lunched with Sir Evelyn: *Raffas* arrived with telegraph poles. 4.20, took in tow Shaluppa and dahabeah, and proceeded



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down river. Engines working badly, 20 revs. Strong head wind. 5.15, passed *Gizeh* up. Quarters. 8.0, secured alongside bank at Paras.

Received £1000 for transport to Korosko.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>September 20.</i>	Saturday.	90°
		74°

A.M. 5.0 —Proceeded. Difficulties with tow, damaged boat. 6.15, proceeded. 7.30, Aboo Simbal, *Mahalah* up above that. 11.10, Ibreem. Engines working. Wind ahead.

P.M. 0.15.—Passed *Mahmoudieh* off the Island of Tomask. 2.10, stopped and communicated with Korosko. 2.40, proceeded. *Benah* at Korosko with horse boat. Also transport S. Staffordshire. 7.15, secured alongside bank at Maharraka for the night.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.                  P.M.	
<i>September 21.</i>	Sunday.	92°
		71°

A.M. 5.0.—Proceeded. 6.45, Gerf: passed *Misseri*. Passed *Raffas*. 9.30, Divisions. Prayers. 10, passed thro' the Gate of Kalabsheh. Strong head wind, not doing well.

P.M. 2.0.—Cast off tow and secured alongside bank at Shellal. 3.30, *Benissoeuf* went up with stores and Detach<sup>t</sup> M<sup>t</sup> In<sup>ty</sup>. *Nil* arrived down. Sub-Lieut: Keppel joined.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>September 22.</i>	Coaling	88°
		70°

A.M.—Coaling. Rec<sup>d</sup> 752 kantars. Re<sup>cd</sup> £10,000 for conveyance to Wady Halfa.

P.M.—Assouan to stay with General.

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	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 23.</i>		Signal.	86° 68°

*Nile Steamer 'Saïdieh,' from Philæ to Wady Halfa.*

A.M.—Returned from Assouan. Receiving stores, &c. *Nil* went up with mounted Inf<sup>ty</sup>.

P.M.—Embarked Captain Pigott, Lieuts. Alderson and Snow, and 52 men Mounted Inf<sup>ty</sup>. 12.45, took dahabeah in tow and proceeded up river. Fair wind. Q<sup>rs</sup>. Ex<sup>d</sup> at Fire Q<sup>rs</sup>. 7.15, secured alongside bank at Daymeht. *Nil* secured opposite bank, 21 miles.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 24.</i>	Rifle.	Signal.	92° 72°

A.M. 5.0.—Proceeded. *Nil* ahead. 6.30, stopped and communicated with *Mahala* off Gertasse. 8.15, entered Gate of Kalabsheh. 9.0, passed thro'. Divisions. Prayers. 9.45, overhauled *Nil*. 10.0, Kalabsheh. Light fair breeze.

P.M.—Dandoor at 2 o'clock. 4.30, Gerf. Quarters. Prepared for action. 9.40, secured alongside bank at Kortee: 54'.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 25.</i>	Cutlass.	Gardner.	92° 73°

A.M. 5.0.—Proceeded. No wind. 7.15, Port hawser carried away. Towing with one. 8.10, *Benah* down. Divisions. Prayers.

P.M. 1.45.—Saboah. 5.20, N. end of cliffs below Korosko. Quarters. Perfectly calm. 8.30, secured at Korosko. 9.45, *Nil* arrived, having left her tow a Shaluppa with railway plant at Kortee. 42'.

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	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 26.</i>	Rifle.	Signal.	95° 76°

A.M. 4.30.—*Nil* proceeded. 5.0, proceeded. No wind, and obliged to keep in mid stream occasionally as dahabeah is drawing 7 ft. 9.0, passed *Raffas* off Amada. Divisions. Prayers. 10.0, stopped and communicated with *Mahmoudieh*. 10.45, *Misseri* down off Derr. Embarked Capt<sup>n</sup> Bray, Eg<sup>n</sup> Army.

P.M.—Breeze, dah<sup>b</sup> sail just able to stand. 3.40, Ibreem. Quarters. M. & A. ship. 7.45, secured alongside bank at Tuske to adjust machinery. 39'.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 27.</i>	Saturday.		87° 74°

*Nile Steamer 'Saidieh,' from Wady Halfa to Philæ.*

A.M.—Proceeded. 6.0, dah<sup>b</sup> sailing, wind v<sup>ble</sup>. 10.30, Aboo Simbal. Strong fair wind.

P.M. 4.0.—Sera. Passed Lieut. Henderson and Sorab Bey with Picket boat and dahabeah. Wind still fresh. 7.0, *Benissoeuf* down. 8.30, cast off dahabeah and secured alongside bank at Wady Halfa.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>September 28.</i>	Sunday.		90° 70°

A.M. 5.0.—Disembarked troops. Bk<sup>std</sup> with Sirdar. Embarked Capt<sup>n</sup> Boardman, Mr. Street, A. P. Cox<sup>n</sup>, 2 servants. Col. Creagh, Royal Stafford, and Lieut. Montessor, Royal Sussex, invalided, and 2 servants. 9.45, proceeded down the river.

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Noon.—Commuc<sup>td</sup> with Faras. 1.0, stopped and commuc<sup>td</sup> with Lord Chas. Beresford on board *Mahalah*. Re<sup>cd</sup> mails. 2.15, Aboo Simbal. Took in tow Dah<sup>b</sup> A 33. 5.30, Ibreem. Quarters. 8.15, secured for night at Korosko. Cast off Dah<sup>b</sup> to continue down stream.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>September 29.</i>	A.M.	92°
	P.M.	72°

A.M. 5.0.—Proceeded. 7.45, took dah<sup>b</sup> No. 33 in tow again. 9.15, Dakkeh. Divisions. Prayers. 10.30, *Benah* up. 11.20, Dandoor.

P.M. 1.0.—Passed thro' Bab-el-Kalabsheh. 4.0, secured alongside at Philæ. *Benissoeuf* here.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>September 30.</i>	Cleaning and painting	91°
	ship.	72°

A.M.—*Benissoeuf* up with Comm<sup>t</sup> and Transport corps. Painting, cleaning ship, &c.

P.M.—Assouan. Saw General. *Raffas* arrived. Von Donop dined with me. Mohamedan Xmas. No work done by natives.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Coaling.	87°
		72°

*October 1. Nile Steamer 'Säidieh,' Kalabsheh Gate.*

A.M.—Coaling. Rec<sup>d</sup> 560 kantars. Cleaning ship and as requisite.

P.M.—Lord Wolseley arrived at Assouan. *Mahalah* down.

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	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	At Cataract.	86°
October 2.		70°

A.M.—Proceeded down to Cataract No. 1 to get over, *Ferus*, *Fayoum* and *Garbieh*, all 3 were successful. Had on board 150 native troops. 100 came afterwards. Went thro' big gate. No room to spare. First steamer over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours hauled. Next two steamed both in  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour. *Garbieh* returned to Assouan.

P.M.—Lord Wolseley proceeded in *Ferus*. *Mahalah* up. Rec<sup>d</sup> 28 kantars coal. 6.0, proceeded up river. 7.30, secured 3' below Dabood. Before leaving disch<sup>gd</sup> A. Johnson, A. Wallis, J. Davey, S. Hughes, A.B.'s, and A. Cannon and J. House for service in native boats. Rec<sup>d</sup> 6 Egyp<sup>tn</sup> soldiers for service on board.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
		88°
October 3.		69°

A.M.—Proceeded. Northerly breeze. 8.30, took dahb. No. 31 in tow. Divisions. Prayers. 11.45, entered Bab-el-Kalabsheh.

P.M.—Cast off A 31. Took A 42 down. 2.15, off A 42. Took A 22 up. 5.0, off A 22. Returned to Tafa and secured for the night at 5.40.

A 31. 7' above Bab, 19' up.	A 42. 6' below Bab, 13' down.
A 22. 7' above Bab, 13' up.	

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Saturday.	87°
October 4.		68°

A.M. 6.30.—Proceeded to Embarakab to await dahabeahs. Light northerly breeze. Banked fires. 7.30, *Raffas* with gayassa in tow up. Cleaning ship.

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P.M.—Took Shaluppa No. A 59 in tow down 5', cast off and picked up gayassas Nos. A 23, 90, 102 and towed them to Tafa, 10'. Secured for night. Gayassas sailing on. A 59 below Embarakab, 5' down. A 23, 90, 102. From there to Tafa, 10' up.

DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
Sunday.	88°
	69°

*October 5. Nile Steamer 'Saïdieh,' Bab-el-Kalabsheh.*

A.M. 6.0.—Proceeded to Embarakab. 9.15, up. Divisions. Prayers. 11.0, Tafa.

P.M. 4.0.—86 and 95 in tow, proceeded thro' Bab. Light northerly breeze. 5.50, cast off. Nil down. Secured at Kalabsheh for night. Fair breeze. Sailing craft passing up.

86 . . . . 8' up.

95 . . . . 8' up.

DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
Cutlass.	91°
	74°

*October 6.*

A.M. 5.30.—Down. 6.10, Tafa. 6.30, up, looking after 5 gayassas. Nil passed down. 7.30, down. 7.45, Tafa. Divisions. Prayers. 10.0, took Nos. 83, 87, 95 in tow up. 11.30, cast off, down. 12.0, Tafa.

P.M.—Took A 13 up at 3.30. 5.15, cast off. Secured at Kalabsheh. *Benissoeuf* and *Benah* down. Light fair wind.

83 . . . . 7' up.

95 . . . . 7' up.

87 . . . . 7' up.

A 13 . . . . 8' up.

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84°  
70°

DRILLS

*October 7.*

A.M. 5.30.—Down. 6.10, took A 47, waited one hour for *Benissoeuf* and *Benah* to clear Bab. *Benah* lost some way. 7.15, up, very light breeze. 11.50, *Misseri* up. 9.15, Kalabsheh.

P.M. 12.30.—Down. 1.0, Tafa. 4.30, took Nos. 116, 117, and 118 in tow. Quarters. M. & A. ship. 6.45, cast off tow, secured at Kalabsheh.

A 47 . . . . 7' up.	117 . . . . 8' up.
116 . . . . 8' up.	118 . . . . 8' up.

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87°  
67°

DRILLS

*October 8.*

A.M. 6.0.—Took empty coal gayassa (no number) down. 7.0, cast off, took A 47, 100, and 101 up 9'. 10.0, cast off, took 60 and 84 down. Scrubbed hammocks, air<sup>d</sup> bedding. *Ferus* down. 10.40, cast off, took 43 and 51 up.

P.M. 12.50.—Cast off, secured at Kalabsheh. 3.0, proceeded to head of Bab to await arrival of *Nil*. 5.50, *Nil* arrived and secured for the night. Le Terriere dined.

No No. . . . . down 9'	101 . . . . up 9'	43 . . . . up 9'
A 74 . . . . up 9'	60 . . . . down 9'	51 . . . . up 9'
100 . . . . up 9'	84 . . . . down 9'	

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93°  
70°

DRILLS  
Signal.

*October 9.*

A.M.—Discharged Sub-Lieut. Keppel and Surg<sup>n</sup> MacIver to *Nil* for passage to Halfa. 5.0, d<sup>o</sup> proceeded. 5.30, proceeded

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down. 6.0, took 110 and 110^ up. 8.0, cast off 7' down. 8.45, took 104 up. Divisions. Prayers. 9.45, *Mahalah* down commt<sup>d</sup> 10.30, cast off, 8' down. 11.30, Tafa.

P.M. 0.30.—Took 59 up. 2.30, cast off, 7' down. 3.0, Tafa. 5.10, *Benissoeuf* arrived too late to go thro' Bab. Had 12 boats in tow.

110 . . . . . 7' up.	104 . . . . . 8' up.
110^ . . . . . 7' up.	59 . . . . . 7' up.

Pease, Beaumont, Schaffer, and two other officers in *Benissoeuf*, Pease and Schaffer dined.

	DRILLS		THERMOMETER (AIR)
	A.M.	P.M.	
<i>October</i> 10.	Rifle.	Signal.	92° 70°

A.M. 5.15.—Up, with *Benissoeuf*, 12 boats in tow, *Benissoeuf* following. 8.15, above Aboo Hor 14', cast off boats. 8.50, *Benissoeuf*, arr<sup>d</sup> and proceeded with them up. 9.0, down. Divisions, arms, prayers. 10.5, Tafa. 11.45, *Benah* up. Took 112 up 6'.

P.M. 1.20.—Cast off. Comm<sup>td</sup> with *Benah*, mails, down. 3.10, Tafa. 5.30, *Mahalah* arrived, Captain Boardman on board.

12 Boats 15' up.	112 . . . . . 6' up.
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	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>October</i> 11.	Saturday.	95° 77°

A.M. 5.15.—Up. No No. in tow, corn for Korosko. *Mahala* up. 6.50, cast off, 7'. Took A 99 and 81. 7.30, Tafa. 7.45, *Fayoum* down, comm<sup>td</sup>. 11.0, down. 11.45, below Gertasse.

P.M. 2.15.—*Raffas* commu<sup>td</sup>, bolt of norman head carried away. Repaired d<sup>o</sup>. 4.0, *Raffas* proceeded. 5.0, up. 6.40, Tafa. No wind.

^ No N <sup>o</sup> . . . . . 7' up.	A 99 . . . . . 7' down.	81 . . . . . 7' down.
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	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Sunday.	95°
October 12.		76°

A.M. 6.45.—Proceeded up, A 69 and A 103 in tow. 9.15, cast off, 7'. Kalabsheh. Divisions. Prayers. Took A 69 and A 103 again in tow. Calm.

P.M. 12.45.—Abou Hor. 1.0, cast off, down. 2.25, took A 32 3' below Tafa, up. 5.15, cast off 3' above Kalabsheh, secured. *Ferus* arrived with 44 boats in tow. Electrical storm E bank.

[A 69 . . . . 7' up.)	[A 103 . . . . 7' up.)	A 32 . . . . 13' up.
[A 69 . . . . 7' up.)	[A 103 . . . . 7' up.)	

October 13.

A.M. 4.15.—Clouds and slight rain. 5.0, *Ferus* up. 5.30, down. 6.15, Tafa. Divisions. Prayers.

P.M. 1.0.—*Misseri* down. 2.0, *Fayoum* up, 32 boats in tow. 2.40, down. 3.20, took . . . . up, cloudy, squally weather. 5.10, cast off, 9', took 20 down. 5.50, Tafa, cast off, 6'. Qrs. Ex<sup>d</sup> at Fire Qrs., secured for night.

52 . . . . 9' up.	20 . . . . 6' down.
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	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
		85°
October 14.		76°

A.M. 8.30.—Took 84 up 13'. Divisions. Prayers. 11.20, cast off, 13'. Took A 67 down for Philæ.

P.M. 2.55.—Cast off, 46'. Secured at Philæ.

84 . . . . 13' up.	A 67 . . . . 46' down.
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	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Coaling.	98°
October 15.		76°

A.M.—Coaling. Went to Assouan to see General. M<sup>r</sup> Kay, A.P., arr<sup>d</sup>. Rec<sup>d</sup> money for ship's co<sup>y</sup>.

P.M.—Returning from Assouan, truck caught fire. Took ship's co<sup>y</sup> out, unable to save truck, but cleared the line. Webb, Peel, Curran, Mansfield, Kerr, and Saunders' boots destroyed. Joined Captain Bessant, Eg<sup>n</sup> Army.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Coaling.	95°
October 16.		80°

A.M.—Coaling. Mr. John Cook and Colonel Bonham breakfasted. Board held and condemned boots.

P.M.—*Benissoeuf*, *Mahalah*, and *Benah* arr<sup>d</sup>.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Cleaning Ship.	90°
October 17.		73°

A.M.—Finished coaling, 1560 baskets. 6.15, cast off, took 39 (Yarrow boat) in tow, proceeded up. 9.30, Dabood. Cleaning ship. 11.10, passed No. 19 with R.E. on board.

P.M. 2.30.—Commt<sup>d</sup> with *Nil* down. 3.0, Gertasse. 5.0, entered Bab. M. & A. ship. Ex<sup>d</sup> firing from Gardner, and volley firing. 7.0, Kalabsheh. Secured for night. Calm during the day. Chas. Jones, A.B., in Sick List, looks like rheumatic fever.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	Saturday.	96°
October 18.		72°

A.M. 5.30.—Proceeded. 7.30, *Ferus* down. 8.0, cast off above Abou Hor, 47'. Stopped at Abou Hor, E. and inspected stores.

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Rec<sup>o</sup> that storekeeper be removed and Sheik given charge with a watchman. 10' down. 11.10, Tafa, took 70 and 76 up. L<sup>t</sup> breeze.

P.M. 1.0.—Cast off, 7' down. 1.40, took 9 and 88 up. 4.10, cast off, 8' down. 5.20, above Gertasse. Took 19 up with Troops. 6.30, secured at Tafa, E. 5'.

39 up, 47'.	76 up, 7'.	88 up, 8'.
70 up, 7'.	9 up, 8'.	19 up, 8'.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
October 19.	Sunday.	93° 75°

A.M. 5.30.—Proceeded. 19 and 8 in tow up. Breeze slight during early morn: w<sup>h</sup> put a good few thro'. 8.0, cast off, 7'. 8.15, took 5 down. 9.10, cast off. 9.20, took 79 and 114 up. Divisions. Prayers.

P.M. 0.0.—Cast off, 10'. Secured at Kalabsheh. 2.15, *Benissoeuf* up. 48 boats in tow, unable to proceed with amount of coal left beyond Korosko unless relieved of 20. Took 20. 2.40, up. *Benissoeuf* up. 4.20, stopped and secured boats at Abou Hor, giving them in charge of issuer. 3 soldiers and 4 men left with them, 5'. 5.0, *Benah* up comm<sup>td</sup>. 5.15, down, good breeze.

8 . . . . 7' up.	5 . . . . 9' down.	114 . . . . 10' up.
19 . . . . 7' up.	79 . . . . 10' up.	20 boats 5' up.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
October 20.	Scrubbing Hammocks.	90° 73°

A.M. 7.45.—*Mahalah* arr<sup>d</sup> with 43 boats. Left 20, which I took on to Kalabsheh. Comm<sup>td</sup> with Picket boat down. 8.50,

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up. Divisions. Prayers. Scrubbed hammocks. 10.35, cast off, 6'. *Mahatah* proceeded with all boats. 10.50, down. 11.15, secured at Darnous. *Fayoum* comm<sup>td</sup>. 11.50, proceeded.

P.M. 0.5.—Tafa, adjusting machinery. 3.0, *Nil* up. Did not comm<sup>t</sup>. 3.15, rec<sup>d</sup> orders from Brigade office anent boats left by *Benissoeuf*. Sent Camel orderly after *Nil*.

20 boats . . . . 6'.

	THERMOMETER (AIR)	
	84°	
October 21.	68°	

A.M. 6.15.—Down. Embarakab. Strong N. wind w<sup>h</sup> continued all day. Very little passing up. Divisions. Prayers. A corporal Guard of Police at Embarakab.

P.M.—Sunset still at Embarakab.

	THERMOMETER (AIR)	
	82°	
October 22.	65°	

A.M. 6.0.—Proceeded down 2' below Gertasse. Reach clear. Secured 1' above Gertasse. Fair breeze. Divisions. Prayers. 10.0, small steam dingy up.

P.M. 1.0.—*Ferus* with Canadians up. 2.30, up. 4.0, stopped in Bab. Visited Island. 4.45, *Raffas* up. 5.10, up. 6.0, Kalabshah. *Misseri* here. 6.30, Picket boat. No mails. Chaplain to Canadian Boatmen on board, dined and slept.

	THERMOMETER (AIR)	
	88°	
October 23.	66°	

A.M.—Picket boat proceeded up. 6.0, took 139 up thro' Aboo Hor Gate. 8.0, cast off, 7'. 8.15, Aboo Hor. 9.0, down. 9.50 Tafa. Divisions. Prayers. *Raffas* down. 11.50, down.

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P.M. 0.10.—Embarakab. 6.30, steam pinnace, Lieut. Abdy, arr<sup>d</sup>, mails. Dined and slept. Chas. Mansfield, A.B., in Sick List. Swollen knee, inflammation, &c.

No. 139 . . . . 7' up.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>October 24.</i>		93°
		70°

A.M. 4.30.—Pinnace up. Divisions. Prayers. Lying at Embarakab. Fires out.

P.M.—Pinnace, Lieut. Hon<sup>ble</sup> S. Colville arr<sup>d</sup> at 1.45, and proceeded up. 3.30, *Fayoum* up. Boats.

Mansfield no better, feverish and headache. Decide to take him down to Philæ.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>October 25.</i>	Saturday.	92°
		72°

A.M. 5.30.—Down. 7.50, Philæ. Discharged Chas. Mansfield, A.B. to Military Hosp<sup>l</sup>. *Missiri* up boats.

P.M.—Col. Henderson and Cap<sup>tn</sup> Verner lunched. 3.0, took two pinnaces. Sub-Lieuts. Barber and Taylor. 5.45, Bab Dabood. Q<sup>rs</sup>. 6.30, Abdoon.

1 steam Pinnace, 14' up.

1 steam Pinnace, 14' up.

	DRILLS	THERMOMETER (AIR)
<i>October 26.</i>	Sunday.	92°
		74°

A.M. 5.30.—Up. 8.30, Gertasse. Divisions. Prayers. Very light breeze.

P.M.—Cast off Pinnaces, 30', at 0.15. *Benah* down. 0.40,

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down. *Benissoeuf* down. 1.25, Tafa. 4.0, down. 4.10, took 143 up. 5.30, cast off, 6' down. 6.0, Tafa. Emp<sup>d</sup> repairing, &c.

1 steam Pinnace, 30' up.                      1 steam Pinnace, 30' up.  
43 . . . . 6' up.

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DRILLS

85°

*October 27.*

68°

A.M. 6.0.—Up. Took 115. 7.50, cast off, 6' down. Picket boat (postal) down arrived. Pinnace, Lieutenant Cooper-Key, up, brought small mail. Divisions, inspected men in heavy marching order. Prayers. 8.30, Tafa.

P.M. 4.0.—Down. Embarakab.

No. 115 . . . . 6' up.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

84°

*October 28.*

68°

A.M.—Divisions. Prayers. *Mahalah* with *Nil* in tow down. Scraping and cleaning boilers. Rec<sup>d</sup> 6½" hawser. Pointing ropes.

P.M. 2.20.—Steam. 3.10, up. Took 117 up. 5.20, cast off, 11'. Down. Q<sup>rs</sup>. M. & A. ship. 6.10, Lower Tafa. Light breeze N.

No. 117 . . . . 11' up.

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88°

*October 29.*

68°

A.M. 7.10.—Up. Took 57. 7.30, took 54 up. Divisions. Prayers. 9.30, cast off, 9' down. 10.30, Embarakab. 10.45, *Benah* up. 11.15, took 6 boats up. No wind.

P.M. 1.30.—*Benah's* boat swamped. Bank. Proceeded. 4.10,

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Abou Hor, cast off, 16'. *Benah* arr<sup>d</sup> at 4.50 and proceeded with boats. Inspected store. Roof repaired. 5.10, down. Calm.

No. 54 . . . . 9' up. No. 57 . . . . 10' up. 6 whalers . . . . 16' up.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

85°

*October 30.*

66°

A.M. 7.30.—*Benissoeuf* up, 20 boats in tow. Divisions. Prayers. Fires out. No wind.

P.M. 3.0.—Down. 3.50, took 19 and 76 up. Quarters. 6.0, Tafa, E., cast off, 9'.

No. 19 . . . . 9' up.

No. 76 . . . . 9' up.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

82°

*October 31.*

70°

A.M. 5.30.—Up. Took 19 and 76. 7.40, Kalabsheh, cast off, 7'. Divisions. Prayers. 10.0, *Ferus* up. Iron barge and boats. Col: Henderson comm<sup>td</sup>. 10.15, took 8, 17, and 20 down. 11.40, Gertasse. Picket boat up.

P.M. 1.0.—Steam Pinnace up above Dabood. 3.0, cast off, 40' Philæ. *Mahalah* with *Fayoum* in tow down. *Nil* here.

No. 19 . . . . 7' up.

No. 8 . . . . 40' down.

No. 76 . . . . 7' up.

No. 17 . . . . 40' down.

No. 20 . . . . 40' down.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

82°

*November 1, Saturday.*

64°

A.M.—No coal. 11.30, *Nil* up. Crossed to Assouan. General laid up bad foot. Lunched. Drew Colonial pay 3/- for 4 months. £18. 9. 0. Gave leave to Assouan.

P.M.—Missed train. Back by donkey.

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81°

*November 2, Sunday.*

63°

*Nile Steamer 'Saïdieh,' from Philæ to Korosko.*

A.M.—Still waiting for coal. Divisions. Prayers. Verner lunched. Weather cool. Received mails.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

86°

*November 3.*

66°

A.M.—Waiting for coal. Races going on at Assouan.

P.M.—Kroomen arrived. Major Smythe (h.p.), Major Tyndale, 2nd M.I., and Surgeon Bell, R.N.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

85°

*November 4.*

66°

A.M.—Coaling. Crossed over to Assouan and received orders from General to proceed to Korosko, towing coal for *Mahmoudieh*.

P.M. 1.30.—Finished coaling, 770 kantars. Entertained a good few of Camel Corps. W. & W. 4.0, proceeded. 97 in tow with 680 kantars, up. 5.45, took 23 and 123 up. Found them having a Fantasia. 6.55, secured below Bab-el-Dabood.

97 . . . . 8' up.

23 . . . . 3' up.

123 . . . . 3' up.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

83°

*November 5.*

63°

A.M. 5.15.—Up. 97 in tow. 6.0, Bab Dabood. 9.0, Gertasse. Divisions. 9.45, comm<sup>td</sup> with Camel Corps, Colonel Bonham, 3' above Gertasse. Strong northerly breeze, making about 5'. Noon, Kalabsheh.



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P.M. 1.15.—Abou Hor. 3.0, Dandoor. 3.30, Stopped and communicated with *Ferus*. Received James Groves, L<sup>s</sup> Stoker. Q<sup>rs</sup>. Exercised at Fire Qrs. 7.0, Koustamne.

97 . . . . 66' up.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

83°

64°

*November 6. Nile Steamer 'Saïdieh,' Bab-el-Kalabsheh.*

A.M. 5.0.—Proceeded. 9.0, Maharraka. Divisions. Prayers. 97 in tow. Light Northerly breeze.

P.M. 2.45.—Saboah. Quarters. 7.0, Picket boat passed up. 8.0, Korosko. Cast off, 118'. Found here *Mahmoudieh*. Steam Pinnace, Lieut. Inglefield. Picket boat (mails). *Benissoeuf* and *Benah*.

97 . . . . 44' up.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

82°

63°

*November 7.*

A.M. 5.50.—Down. 8.0, Saboah. 8.50, took 112 and 59 down. Divisions. Prayers. Steaming slowly, 6 kantars.

P.M. 0.20.—Dakkeh. 2.40, comm<sup>td</sup> with *Mahalah* up. Discharged W<sup>m</sup> Curran, L<sup>s</sup> stoker, for passage to Halfa. 5.15, cast off, 61' down. 5.20, Tafa. Quarters.

No. 59 . . . . 61' down.

No. 112 . . . . 62' down.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

84°

61°

*November 8, Saturday.*

A.M.—Fresh Northerly breeze. 10.15, down. No. 33 at bank, damaged rudder, repaired and proceeded. *Fayoum* with barge and whalers up. Kroomen. Dr. Bell with them.

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P.M. 0.10.—Tafa. 3.0, down. Dachmet for the night. Tried for a hare or gazelle or anything. Saw ‘rien.’ Evening chilly.

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82°

*November 9, Sunday.*

58°

A.M. 2.30.—Steam Pinnaces, Sub-Lieuts. Taylor and Barber, down. Rec<sup>d</sup> 12 blankets and w.p. sheets. Morning cold. Divisions and prayers. Comm<sup>t</sup> sheep died. 9.15, *Ferus* up. 19th Hussars and boats. Strong north<sup>ly</sup> wind.

P.M. 4.30.—Postal Launch, Eg<sup>n</sup> up. Sent back to A.P. in charge. One blanket and one w. sheet. Rec<sup>d</sup> mails.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

76°

62°

*November 10. Nile Steamer ‘Saïdieh,’ from Philæ to Korosko.*

A.M. 9.0.—Picket boat down. Rec<sup>d</sup> money for men. Divisions. Prayers. 11.0, up. Reach. Clear North<sup>ly</sup> breeze, light.

P.M. 1.30.—Tafa. *Nil* down. Took 14 and 96 down, 9’. Cast off. 2.30, took steam Pinnaces 70 and 94 and 20 Whalers up. 3.0, Gertasse. Quarters. 7.15, Kalabsheh, 16’. Coal<sup>d</sup>. Pinnaces. 50 kantars. Sent receipt to Captain Boardman. Calm.

No. 14 . . . . 9’ down.

No. 70, steam Pinnace, 16’ up.

No. 96 . . . . 9’ down.

No. 94, „ „ 16’ up.

DRILL

Rifle.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

74°

62°

*November 11.*

A.M. 2.0.—Pinnaces proceeded. 6.0, down. Pinnace No. — with 4 whalers up. 8.0, *Misseri* up. 9.30, Divisions, arms.

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8.0, took 14 down. 8.50, took 19 and 69 down. 9.50, cast off 14 . . . . 18', 19 and 69 . . . . 10'. 10.0, Philæ. *Benah*, *Benissoeuf*, *Nil*, and *Raffas* here. Sir Redvers Buller arr<sup>d</sup>.

P.M.—Coaling. Received 554 kantars, and engine-room stores for 360 hours' steaming. Crossed to Assouan and walked back. Coal on board 854 K. Deck cargo. Joined Surgeon Ricking, servant, and one corp<sup>l</sup> A.M.D.

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88°

*November 12.*

55°

A.M.—Waiting for coal barges to be filled. Sir Redvers Buller went up. Mails arrived. *Garbieh* was got over the Cataract.

P.M. 4.45.—Proceeded up with Nos. 45 and 96 up. 2000 kantars of coal. Quarters. Received 10 comm<sup>t</sup> sheep=200 lbs. mutton. 7.0, below Dabood.

No. 45 . . . . 8' up.

No. 96 . . . . 8' up.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

76°

*November 13.*

60°

A.M. 5.30.—Up. 6.30, Dabood. 9.15, Eg<sup>n</sup> Post boat down. Divisions. Prayers. 11.15, Gertasse.

P.M.—Fresh breeze N. 2.15, Kalabsheh. 5.30, Dandoor. Making about 4'. Quarters. 8.30, Gersheh. Cast off, 55'. Burning 8 kantars. Daha<sup>s</sup> sailing on.

No. 45 . . . . 55'.

No. 96 . . . . 55'.

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THERMOMETER (AIR)

78°

61°

*November 14.—Nile Steamer ‘Saïdieh,’ Korosko District.*

A.M. 5.30.—Up. *Ferus* down. 8.0, Dakkeh. Took 45 up. A lamb born. Fresh Northerly breeze. 10.0, passed the daha<sup>s</sup> at Kortee, cleaning ship, having got rid of deck cargo.

P.M. 0.10.—Took 96 up. Ex<sup>d</sup> at Fire Quarters. Nordenfelt bridge caught. 4.15, Saboah. *Fiume* down. Rec<sup>d</sup> money for Storekeeper Kortee.

No. 45 . . . . 35 miles up.

No. 96 . . . . 23 miles up.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

87°

58°

*November 15.*

A.M. 5.45.—Up. 7.0, took 45 and 96 up, cleaning ship. 10.45, Korosko, cast off 9', *Mahmoudieh* and pinnaces 70 and 94 here with 10 whalers, each waiting for coal. Rec<sup>d</sup> telegram from Capt<sup>n</sup> Boardman submitting my name for command of Yarrow boat.

P.M. 1.15.—*Mahmoudieh* down. 1.30, took S.P. 70 and 94 with 20 whalers up. Quarters. 7.0, Derr. Found here a party taking on horses.

S.P. 70, Korosko to Derr.

S.P. 94, Korosko to Derr.

*Raffas.*

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90, 120 Korosko—Derr.

82°

*November 16.*

69, 75, 111 Korosko to Kabas.

60°

A.M. 5.30.—Up. 9.0, cast off Pinnaces at Ibream Island. Down. Divisions. Prayers. *Raffas* from Korosko with 90 and 120 cer. 10.45, took 43 Derr, up. 11.20, took 130 up.

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P.M. 0.55.—Cast off. Hāfia, cer. Picket (postal) boat comm<sup>td</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> med. stores. Down. 3.0, Korosko, up. 3.50, took 69, 75, and 111 up Kabas. *Raffas* from Korosko there. 6.15, Sēēna, *Misseri* down.

S.P. No. 70	Derr to Ibream Island.	No. 69	Kabas—Sēēna.
„ „ 94	„ „ „	„ 75	„ „
„ „ 43	Derr—Hafia.	„ 111	„ „
„ „ 130	Tomask—Hafia.		

	<i>Raffas.</i>	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	113, 159, 160,	84°
November 17.	162, 163, 21, 114, Kor.—Kab.	56°

A.M. 5.15.—Up, with 69, 75, and 111, ar. 7.30, Derr, cast off. cer. Down. 8.30, took 115 up, Sēēna, *Misseri* up. Divisions. Prayers. 10.5, Derr, cast off. cer. Down. 11.15, down. Kabas. Took 113, 160, 162, 159, and 163.

P.M. 3.0.—Derr, cast off. cer. Down. 4.10, Shag, took 21, 44, 104, and 114 up. Quarters. 6.45, Derr, cast off. cer. *Benissoeuf* and Eg<sup>n</sup> postal boat up.

69	Sēēna—Derr	113	Korosko—Derr	21	Korosko—Derr
111	„ „	159	„ „	114	„ „
75	„ „	160	„ „	44	Shag—Derr
115	„ „	162	„ „	104	„ „
		163	„ „		

	<i>Raffas.</i>	THERMOMETER (AIR)
		80°
November 18.	40, 158, 161 Korosko—Kabas.	59°

A.M. 5.30.—Down. *Garbieh* up. 7.0, Korosko up, took 94 and 10 boats with Royal Highlanders, Captain Scott—Stevenson and L<sup>t</sup> Bald. 11.50, Arāba took 161, 158, and 40 up.

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P.M.—*Benah* down. Slight Northerly breeze. 5.20, Hafia, cast off, cer. 3 cheers. Down. 6.0, Derr. Quarters.

10 boats Rl. Highlanders Korosko—Hafia.	No. 158 Arāba—Hafia.
No. 94 ... .. „ „	„ 40 „ „
„ 161 ... .. Arāba—Hafia.	10 whalers Korosko—Hafia.

	<i>Raffas.</i>	THERMOMETER (AIR)
	No. 154 Korosko—Derr.	82°
<i>November 19.</i>	„ 103 Korosko—Kab.	59°

A.M. 6.0.—Down. 7.15, Kabas. Took 103 (42nd) up, Captain Mowbray and Lieut. Wilson. Break<sup>st</sup>. Divisions. Inspected arms. Rifle drill, cast off. cer. *Misseri* and postal boat down. 11.55, down. Derr, overhauled postal boat.

P.M. 1.20.—Korosko. *Raffas* up with dahb., No. 54 coaling, *Ferus* up. *Mahalah* with H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> 42<sup>nd</sup> arrived.

No. 103 Kabas—Hafia.

	<i>Raffas.</i>	THERMOMETER (AIR)
		85°
<i>November 20.</i>	140, 165 Kor.—Kab.	60°

A.M.—Coaling. 10.0, finished, rec<sup>d</sup> 560 kantars. *Mahalah* up. 12.0, took 133 up.

P.M. 1.30.—Kabas, took 165 and 140 up. 5.0, Derr, cast off. cer. Down with 55, whose Pin. bolted after covering No., taking in cargo dates. Put through in 5½ days 26 barges, 2 s. pinnaces and 20 whalers.

No. 133 Kor.—Derr.	No. 140 Kab.—Derr.	No. 165 Kab.—Derr.
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	<i>Raffas.</i>	THERMOMETER (AIR)
		91°
<i>November 21.</i>		60°

A.M.—*Nil* down. Nothing in sight coming up at daylight. Divisions. Prayers, cutlass drill, scrubbed hammocks.

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P.M.—Took 91 and 10 whalers, 42<sup>nd</sup> and Col. Eden, Captain Home and Lieut. McCrea up. 5.15, Derr, cast off, cer. Down. *Benissoeuf* down. Rec<sup>d</sup> comm<sup>t</sup> stores.

No. 91 Kor.—Derr.

10 whalers Kor.—Derr.

*Garbieh* down.

THERMOMETER (AIR)

*Raffas.*

81°

*November 22.* 3, 13, 102, 62, 152 Kor.—Kab. 61°

A.M. 5.30.—Took 11, 150, and 151 up, x<sup>d</sup> over, took tel. daha. N° 1 up. Saturday. 10.30, Derr, cast off, cer., down. 11.30, Kabas, took 3, 13, 62, 102, and 152 up at noon. *Ferus* down.

P.M. 4.30.—Derr, cast off, cer. Down, Korosko, *Fayoum* here. Comm<sup>t</sup> Baker dined, also Rundle, la Terriere and Pinching. Surtees slept on board. Received telegram to say I was appointed to Yarrow.

11 Kor.—Derr.	Tel. No. 1 Kor.—Derr.	62 Kab.—Derr.
150 „ „	3 Kab.—Derr.	102 „ „
151 „ „	13 „ „	152 „ „

THERMOMETER (AIR)

*Raffas.*

82°

*November 23.*

62°

A.M.—*Fayoum* up. Fair breeze. Transport coming in. Divisions. Prayers. 11.0, took 9, 139, and 148 up.

P.M. 2.0.—*Mahalah* down. 4.0, Derr, cast off, cer. Down. 5.0, took 8, 33, and 77 up. Quarters. 7.0, Sēēna. Gordon Highlanders.

No. 9 Korosko—Derr.

„ 139 „ „

„ 148 „ „

No. 8 Shāg—Sēēna.

„ 33 „ „

„ 77 „ „

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*Raffas.* 88°

*November 24.* 70, 146, 174 Kor.—Kab. 62°

A.M. 5.0.—Up. 8.0, Derr, cast off, cer. Down. 9.30, took 51, 70, 146, and 174 up. Divisions. 174 (Gordon High<sup>rs</sup>) Arāba.

P.M. 0.5.—Derr, cast off, cer. Down, Arāba. 1.0, took 45, 96, 119, and 173 up. 3.30, Derr, cast off, cer. Down. 4.30, Arāba. Took 167 and 171 and 5 whalers. 42<sup>nd</sup>, Lieut. Kennedy up. 6.30, Derr, cast off, cer. Kennedy dined.

No. 8 Sēēna—Derr.	No. 146 Arāba—Derr.	No. 173 Arāba—Derr.
„ 33 „ „	„ 174 „ „	„ 167 „ „
„ 77 „ „	„ 45 „ „	„ 171 „ „
„ 51 Arāba—Derr.	„ 96 „ „	5 whalers „ „
„ 70 „ „	„ 119 „ „	

THERMOMETER (AIR)

*Raffas.* 86°

*November 25.* 18, 83 Kor.—Kab. 62°

24, 29 „ „

A.M. 5.30.—Down. 6.30, Shāg, took 18 and 83, Gordon Highlanders up. *Benah* up. Divisions, arms, rifle drill, prayers. 10.0, Derr, cast off, cer. Down. 11.15, Korosko, *Misseri* up.

P.M.—Took 10 whalers, 93 Gordon Highlanders, Capt<sup>n</sup> Downman and Lieut. Denne. 2.0, Arāba, took 24 and 29 up. Quarters. 5.20, Tomask cast off, cer. down comm<sup>td</sup> with *Misseri*. 6.15, Derr, *Misseri* crossed for tibin and corn for Tomask station.

No. 18 Shāg—Derr.	No. 24 Arāba—Tomask.
„ 83 „ „	„ 29 „ „
10 whalers Korosko—Tomask.	



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*Raffas.* 85°  
*November 26.* 95 Kor.—Kab. 64°

A.M. 5.30.—Down. 7.0, Korosko. 9.30, rec<sup>d</sup> 50 bales tibia for Tomask (under poop outside saloon). 10.0, took 140 and 142 up.

P.M. 0.5.—Took 95 up. *Fayoum* down. Sub-Lieut. Taylor came on board. 2.45, Tomask. Cast off, cer. 4.0, down. 5.30, Korosko. Preparing to turn over command temporarily to Sub-L<sup>t</sup> Taylor until Lieut. Napier's arrival.

No. 140, Kor.—Tomask. No. 142, Kor.—Tomask.  
 No. 95, Sēēna—Tomask.

*Raffas.*  
*November 27.* No. 149.

A.M. 6.30.—Took 31 and 10 whalers. Embarked Captain Bagnal, R.E., Captain Kevill-Davies, and Lieut. Blair, and 83 men R.E. and Gordon Highlanders up. 7.15, Kabas. Took 149 up.

P.M. 3.0.—Tomask I<sup>d</sup>, cast off, cer. Down. 5.0, Korosko. Picket boat (mail) arr<sup>d</sup>. *Nil*, *Garbieh*, *Benissoeuf*, and *Ferus* arr<sup>d</sup>. Preparing to start for Halfa.

No. 31, Korosko—Tomask. 18 whalers, Korosko—Tomask.  
 No. 149, Kabas—Tomask.

*November 28.*

A.M.—Left Korosko in *Garbieh*. Towing 2 Shaluppas, 1st R<sup>1</sup> West Kent, L<sup>t</sup>-Col. Tweedie, Major Robinson, Capt<sup>ns</sup> Armstrong and Jones, &c. Not much accommodation but

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every one kind. Steaming well, other steamers left about same time.

P.M. 3.0.—Passed *Nil*. 5.30, Toski for night.

*November 29.*

A.M. 4.15.—Proceeded. 9.0, Aboo Simbal. Strong fair breeze. *Ferus* and *Benissoeuf* ahead.

P.M. 6.30.—Halfa. Reported arrival to Captain Boardman. Slept on board *Garbieh*.

*November 30. Halfa—Sarras—Semneh.*

A.M.—Turning over receipts, &c., to Asst. Pay<sup>st</sup> Kay. Called on Sir Evelyn Wood, Colonel Duncan, and Col. Brackenbury (Sir Redvers Buller away). Met Major Wilson (Cana<sup>dn</sup> Art.). Drew tents.

P.M.—Lunched with Sir Evelyn and dined with Von Donop, R.E. In orders: L<sup>t</sup> Van Koughnet, R.N., commanding the Yarrow Boat, having reported his arrival at Halfa, will proceed to-morrow to Sarras, *en route* for Semneh to join his vessel. The Station Comma<sup>t</sup> at Sarras will make the necessary arrangements for sending this officer from Sarras to Semneh by first opportunity.

*December 1.*

A.M. 7.0.—Only train truck to myself for baggage. 11.0, Sarras. Reported arrival at naval camp and Comma<sup>t</sup>. Lunched at former place. Pigott and May.

P.M. 3.0.—On by camel. 4.0, transport and one Rider. 3 donkeys for servant and Groves, L.I., and Mr. Archer's groom (*Times* correspondent). 6.30, arr<sup>d</sup> at Semneh after an uninteresting ride. Reported arrival to Comman<sup>dr</sup> Hammill. Gave over camels to driver. Dined, and pitched tents.

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### *December 2.*

A.M.—At Yarrow boat. She looks like a spoon. Mr. Wiggs, &c. Engineer who came out to superintend sent into Hospital, Halfa. L<sup>t</sup> Livingston, 42nd, in charge of artificers, 40 odd. Launching buoys, down, and all ready for launching.

P.M. 3.20.—Launched Yarrow and named her *Semneh*. Comm<sup>dr</sup> Hammill carried on. Most successful. Launched broadside on. Two other Engineers are Badden and Deane. Hammill tel. for to go into Halfa. Livingston and Archer dined.

### *December 3.*

A.M.—Progressing with *Semneh*. Heard Riding camel had not turned up. Reported having turned over to Driver. Col. Wynne, Comm<sup>dt</sup>, ordered to Ambigol. Col. Holled Smith relieved him.

P.M.—At Semneh. Body, evidently a soldier, found on beach, dreadfully swollen and unrecognisable. Took funeral party and buried him. Captn. Scott, 100th Regt., arrived. Dined and spent night. Livingston dined.

### *December 4. Semneh.*

A.M.—Got paddle shaft in its place. Decks going down and work progressing. Moored stern in. Sent fire-bars, shovels, &c., on by Nuggar for *Inflexible's* picket boat. Dongola. Comm<sup>dt</sup> Baker passed thro' in boats.

### *December 5.*

A.M.—Pigott came over from Sarras. Hammill, Pigott, and self rode over to Ambigol on camels, 19 miles. Road bad. Arrived at 5 o'clock. Looks very bad. Do not think Yarrow will

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go through. Sunset. Ambigol. Bivouac<sup>d</sup> in the open. Looked at wrecked Pinnace. Cooper very ill in his tent—dysentery.

### *December 6.*

A.M.—A good look at Rapids. Don't like them for Yarrow. 10.0, started back by Desert route, good road, 24 miles. Arrived back at 5.30 p.m.

### *December 7.*

A.M.—Pigott had note from May to say he, Pigott, Poore, de Lisle, and self were Naval Brigade. Pigott returned. Getting on well with Yarrow. Bourke, R.N., passed up.

### *December 8. At Semneh.*

A.M.—Livingston, 42nd, left. Yarrow progresses A1. Colonel Brackenbury came over. Heard Stanhope relieves me. Lord Cha<sup>s</sup> Beresford passed thro' in afternoon, 2 boats. Strong wind during the night.

### *December 9.*

In orders that Stanhope relieves me. Shakespeare arrived. Yarrow decked well forward. Water fell one foot in the week. Sand very bad.

### *December 10.*

Still blowing. All men excepting four ordered into Gemai for Naval Brigade. D<sup>o</sup> returned all but *Gizeh's* crew. Sir George Arthur arrived with six boats. One went down the Cataract E two miles, no one lost. Cargo saved, boat badly damaged.

Every one but Hammill, 2 stokers, and self ordered in for Naval Brig. Bell arr<sup>d</sup> *en route* for Ambigol to see Key.

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*December 11.*

Still at Semneh. Blowing sand. Stuart Wortley passed thro' with Eg<sup>pt</sup> Troops in whalers. 42nd, Col. Wauchope through. After dark, first advance Naval Brigade, Pigott, de Lisle, Munro, and Webber, and 54 men. Left Gemai morn before at 8.45. Wauchope, Livingstone, Naval Brig., and Capt<sup>n</sup> Orman and Q<sup>r</sup> Master, Canadians, dined.

*December 12. At Semneh.*

A.M.—Naval Brigade proceeded, 7 boats. Still blowing and disagreeable. Yarrow getting on capitally. Bell returned. Key much better. Quiet day, nothing passing up.

*December 13.*

A.M.—Saturday. Gen<sup>l</sup> Buller and Col. Brackenbury over. Rather warm. Yarrow doing well. Upper d<sup>k</sup> beams on. John Cook passed down.

*December 14.*

12 Boats Gordon Highlanders and 4 of Sappers up. Col. Cross, former Capt<sup>n</sup> latter, and L<sup>t</sup> Adair, R.N. 10 Boats Gordon Highlanders. Major Menzies up. Col. H. Anderson and Keppel passed down. Light breeze, no sand.

*December 15.*

A.M.—Nine whalers, Gordon Highlanders, through. One went down rapids E, no damage. 21 Boats, Eg<sup>pt</sup> Convoy, arrived, Zuri in command. 11 more Gordon Highlanders. Day fine and cool.

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*December 16.*

Rec<sup>d</sup> telegram to go in at once to Halfa. Left at 1.30. Arr at Sarras at 4.30. Too late for train, stayed with Reid.

*December 17.*

Left for Halfa by morn train. Saw Capt<sup>n</sup> Boardman and received instructions to take command 2nd Division Naval Brigade, 54 P.O.'s and Seamen, Lieut. Bourke, Sub-L<sup>t</sup> Keppel, Surgeon May, and Ch. Engineer Benbow. Dined with Sir Evelyn. Listers dined.

*December 18.*

Left by morn train for Gemai. Took charge of Nos. 306, 486, 501, 502, 667, 689, 776. I took Gardner Gun and carriage and 2 cases amn., and I.M.H. and Engineers stores for Ambukol.

3.0, left Gemai, head wind, rowing. 6.0, stopped. Dist. 10'.

*December 19.*

A.M. 6.15.—Left for Sarras. 10.0, arrived at Sarras. Received 3 sets Nile Boat stores and 15 days rations, making total weight 23,300. Left at 3.30. 6.0, stopped dist. 7 miles. No wind.

*December 20.*

A.M. 6.15.—Left for Semneh. Tracked through four gates, no wind, rowing. 4.30, Semneh. Block—4½ miles.

*December 21.*

6.45.—Commenced to portage gear, having brought boats up from Naval Camp, men portaging as all natives engaged with troops ahead. 10.30, finished portage, loaded boats. 1.15, left for Ambigole, sailing and rowing, tracked three places—13 miles.

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### *December 22.*

A.M. 6.15.—Left for Ambigole, rowing and sailing, tracked twice. 11.0, Ambigole. Block, passed all 18<sup>th</sup> except 5 boats and some W. Kents.

### *December 23.*

A.M.—Still at Ambigole, got boats through up to sunken Pinnace. Block in portage.

### *December 24.*

A.M. 6.15.—Party at Pinnace, got boats through last rapids. 9.30, commenced portage. 2.30, finished ditto. Baggage coming anyhow. 3.0, left for Tangore. No wind, pulling and tracking, very intricate, 2 miles. Sunset. 5.30, E. Bank.

### *December 25.*

A.M. 6.15.—Left for Tangore, calm, E. bank, rowing, tracked 3 times, worst we have had. 4.0, passed Gate. Sunset arr<sup>d</sup> comm<sup>t</sup> depot Tangore. 7 miles E. Bank until opp<sup>te</sup> comm<sup>t</sup> depot. Passed 2 companies W. Kent, one 75<sup>th</sup>. Merry Xmas.

### *December 26.*

A.M. 6.15. — Left comm<sup>t</sup> depot, Tangore. Passed through Tangore rapids. Tracked up to Big Gate arriving at 2.0, went thro'. 4.0, left same sunset, stopped to repair 689. Dis<sup>t</sup> 6'.

### *December 27.*

A.M.—Left at 6.30, passed thro' Okmeh rapid at 9.30. 2.30, arr<sup>d</sup> at Acachia. 4.0, cleared ditto and arr<sup>d</sup> at Dal at 5.0. Tracked through by sunset, dis<sup>t</sup> 19' sailing.

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### *December 28.*

A.M.—Commenced portage at 7.0 and boats through Dal cataract. Noon, last of boats through (loading). 1.30, left for Sachamatto, delayed to repair rudder of 689, 4.0, left Sachamatto, sunset. Dist<sup>t</sup> 11', sailing.

### *December 29.*

A.M.—Daylight *en route*. 9.30, passed Omara, good breeze, sailing. Sunset, 'dif' dist<sup>t</sup> about 35—40'.

### *December 30.*

A.M.—Daylight, *en route*, rowing, occasional slight breeze for first 2 miles, made about 12'.

### *December 31.*

A.M.—Daylight, *en route*, rowing and sailing. Sunset, 22' about.

### *January 1.*

A.M.—*En route*, light breeze during forenoon, rowing, stream bad in some places, dist<sup>t</sup> 21'.

### *January 2.*

Daylight *en route*. 9.30, entered Kaibar Rapids. 10.30, cleared d°, calm, rowing and tracking. Sunset 16', warmest day we have had.

### *January 3.*

A.M.—Daylight *en route*. 9.30, passed small rapids below Shallon. Went to rescue of Gordon Highlander boat, wrecked, took off men, rifles, clothes, tent, med<sup>l</sup> comforts, &c. Touched a



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rock in 486, leaking a little. 10.30, proceeded. Noon, passed Shaban. Bad water up to stopping place 2' below Hannek. 22', good wind, sailing and rowing. Hauled up and repaired 486 and 501.

### *January 4.*

A.M.—*En route* at 8.30. Repairing and loading boats. 10.0, arr<sup>d</sup> at bottom of Hannek. Boats passed thro' by voyageurs, 501 run ashore badly, 3 planks and 7 ribs stove. Hauled up and repaired d°. Filled up with comm<sup>t</sup> stores. 4.30, proceeded. 7.0, stopped, dist<sup>t</sup> 10 miles.

### *January 5.*

A.M.—Daylight *en route*. Sailing and rowing, passage very intricate, most boats ashore, waited for one hour for 502. D° came up at 0.15. Proceeded till 2.15. Stopped again for 502 till 5.0, returned 6' to look for d° with 501, saw nothing, camped, 7'.

### *January 6.*

A.M.—Daylight, *en route*, met 776, found 502 had gone up another channel and was with remainder. 10.30, came up with boats, proceeded, strong wind. 2.50, Dongola, comm<sup>td</sup> with E. bank and proceeded, rowing and sailing. Sunset 28'.

### *January 7.*

A.M.—Daylight *en route*. Light breeze before beam, current very strong.

P.M. — Calm, rowing and tracking. Flies (small) awful  
Sunset 20'.

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### *January 8.*

A.M.—Daylight *en route*, very light breeze. Day hot and trying, flies very bad, breeze failed at 11.0. Rowing.

Noon, stopped for dinner. 1.0, proceeded.

### *January 9.*

A.M.—*En route*. Fine breeze, only rowed for one hour, current in most places very strong. Passed some 42<sup>nd</sup>, 56<sup>th</sup>, and 95<sup>th</sup>. Sunset 40'.

### *January 10.*

A.M.—Daylight *en route*. Rowing, light breeze about 8.30. 10.20, Debbah. Sir E. Wood here. *Nassafera* arrived. Disch<sup>d</sup> Lieut. Bourke to command and Davy, A.B. Rec<sup>d</sup> Lieut. Poore and servant and Sub-L<sup>t</sup> Harvey. Noon. 12.30, proceeded. Sails not much use. Tracking and rowing. Sunset 18'.

### *January 11.*

A.M.—Daylight *en route*, tracking and rowing. Current very strong. Especially bad tracking past an island, banks high and covered with low fir-trees. Sunset, 20'.

### *January 12.*

A.M.—Daylight *en route*. 11.0, met Pinnace 102 (Colville) going down.

P.M.—Arr<sup>d</sup> at Korti at 4.30. Lord Wolseley here. Camped at extreme S. end. Dusty and dirty.

### *January 13.*

A.M. 9.30. — Departed this life, W<sup>m</sup> Young, Stoker (*Invincible*), heart disease. Making arrangements about camels

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and preparing to cross desert. 5.0, buried the late W<sup>m</sup> Young.

Dined with Lord Wolseley.

*January 14.*

Korti. Dined with Wilson, Canadian Artillery.

### 2ND DIVISION NAVAL BRIGADE.

*January 15.* Korti.

*January 16.* Korti.

*January 17.* Korti.

*January 18, Sunday.* Korti.

*January 19.* Korti.

*January 20.* Korti.

*January 21.*

P.M. 3.30.—Lord Wolseley addressed 2nd Division and gave news of fight at Abou Klea. 9 officers killed, including poor Pigott and de Lisle, and 10 wounded. 65 men killed, 85 wounded. Left Korti with convoy, consisting of Escort Light Camel Corps, Col. MacAlmont, Bearer coy. A.M.S., details and selves, and R.A. Camped about 8 miles out.

Van Koughnet, Poore, Harvey, Keppel, May, Benbow, Sparkes. 54 P.O.'s and men, 1 interpreter, 87 camels.

*January 22.*

Left Langrish in hospital and Fisher.

Thursday. Daylight *en route*. Good day, 36 miles. Men getting better on camels.

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*January 23.*

Noon.—El Whyhet wells, plenty of water. Detachment of Essex here. Left again at 2 o'clock. Camped at Sunset.

*January 24.*

Marched greater part of day until within 8 miles of Gakdoul, where we camped.

*January 25, Sunday.*

Arr<sup>d</sup> at Gakdoul at 10 o'clock. Cool weather and sufficient water during march. Dis<sup>t</sup> 96 miles. Lost 3 camels. Gun camels. 3 did well up to last day, when 'Jumbo' sprained his hind off hip. Water plentiful at Gakdoul. Col. Vandeleur, Commandant. 250 Royal Sussex.

*January 26.*

Went into and occupied Fort Stewart. Gatling O.K. Convoy from Mattemeh arrived. News of 2nd fight disastrous.

*January 27.*

Convoy returned to Korti.

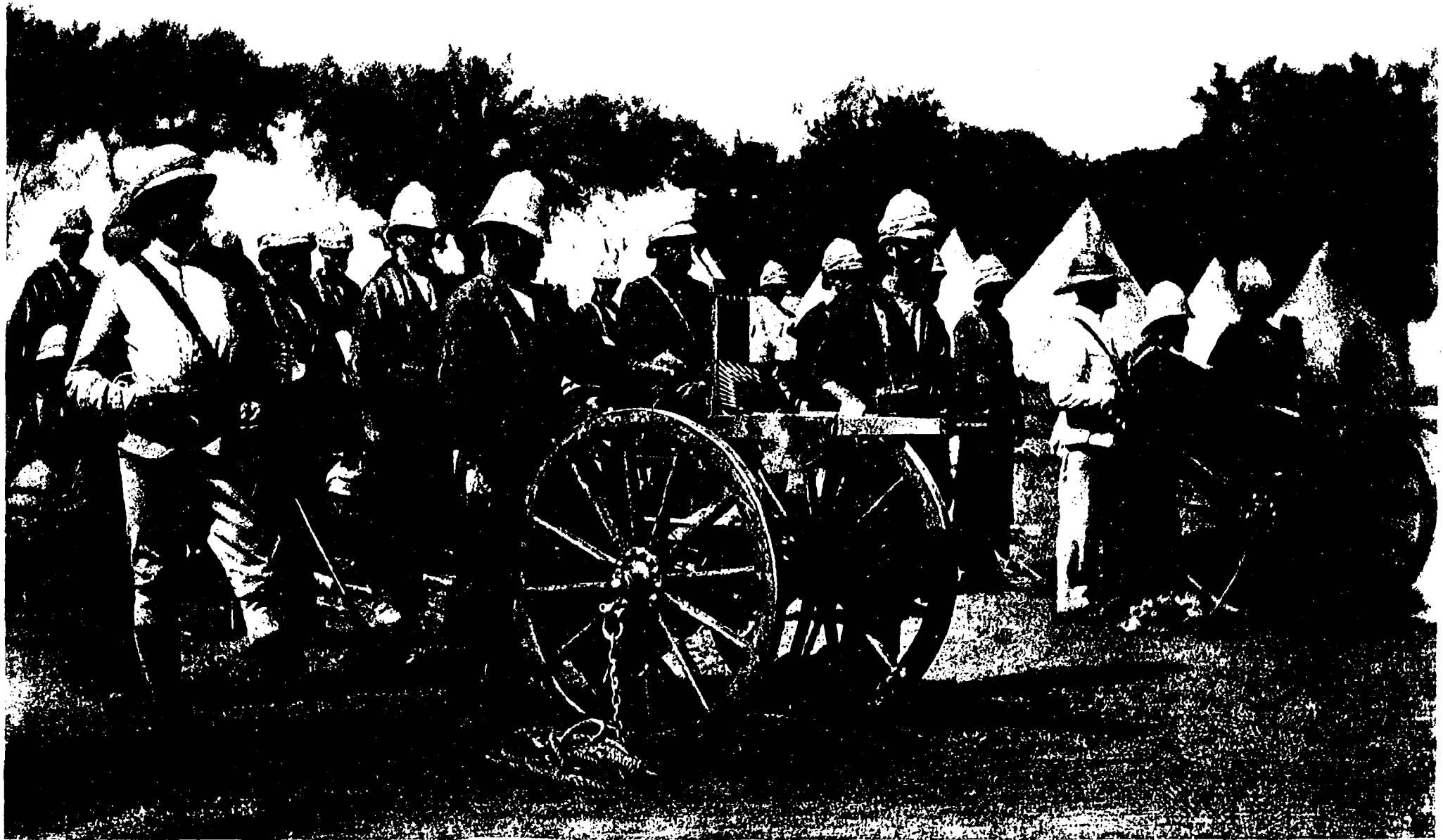
4.30.—Ordered to proceed to Mattemeh next day. Drew 77 camels, having kept 10 from 1st convoy.

*January 28.*

10.0.—Left Gakdoul with convoy. Same officers, one E.R.A. less. Heavys, Guards, Marines, Mounted infantry, bearer co<sup>s</sup> A.M.S. and R.A., Commissariat, and selves. Marched 18'.

*January 29.*

A.M.—Marched 26 miles, water O.K.



*Guns of 2<sup>nd</sup> Division of Naval Brigade.  
Lieut. E. B. Van Houghnet, R. N. in Command.*



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*January 30.*

A.M.—Passed thro' battlefield. Bodies and details of a past battle all there—nasty. 11.0, arr<sup>d</sup> at Abou Klea. Saw our men all doing well. Water plentiful, very muddy. Left at 2 o'clock.

*January 31, Saturday.*

Passed thro' 2nd battlefield. Got a few shots in, including 2 from R.A.

Noon.—Arrived at camp near Mattemeh. Lord Charles Beresford here. Returned camels and bivouac<sup>d</sup> in north zareba near small outlying fort.

*February 1.*

News came in of loss of 2 Steamers with Sir Charles Wilson, and fall of Khartoum thro' treachery. Embarked on board *Safia* with Keppel, May, Benbow, my servant, and 16 men. Placed Gardner gun. Received all Gardner ammu<sup>n</sup>, 7800 rounds and one case M.H. reserve. Men each 120 rounds. Preparing to go to Sir Chas. Wilson's Steamers. 2.30, proceeded. 5.0, stopped for wood. Pulled down houses, &c. 21 mounted infantry and reserve of R.N. out. Got in a few shots. Anchored in stream.

*February 2.*

Daylight, alongside bank. More wood. Villages as yesterday deserted. 10.0, proceeded.

P.M.—Picked up refugee slave from Khartoum. Anchored for night below fort.

*February 3.*

A.M.—Daylight. Proceeded. 8.0, engaged fort, opening fire first, which was returned by 6 P<sup>ds</sup> and rifles from S. Pit's fort and

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palm-trees. Passed embrasure without damage, but immediately afterwards shell penetrated and exploded in boiler. Carnow was shot down (and died in the eve) and self wounded thro' thigh, bullet. Both on platform with Gardners. Steamer anchored. E.R.A.<sup>s</sup> (2) and some natives badly scalded. Benbow and staff rep<sup>d</sup> boiler. Firing on both sides kept up. Sir Chas. Wilson and party passed down on opp<sup>te</sup> bank and in boats. Heavy fire.

### *February 4.*

A.M.—Boiler finished, steam up at daylight, weighed, passed underneath battery, heavy fire, we exploded shell in embrasure at 100 yards. Sir Chas. Wilson and party embarked in their boats and a nuggar, all got ashore. Keppel and Webber away under heavy fire to reserve. Got all clear, weighed and proceeded. Sunset arr<sup>d</sup> at Gubat. Sent to hospital tent with Munro, wound doing well, rather painful.

### *February 5.*

Wound dressed in the afternoon. Bah! Hospital, Gubat, Sir Chas. Wilson, Wortley and so on went out. . . . May sent telegram to Cap<sup>tn</sup> Rawson—‘wound not dangerous, etc.’

*February 6.* Hospital, El Gubat.

*February 7.* Hospital, El Gubat.

*February 8.* Hospital, El Gubat.

*February 9.* Hospital, El Gubat.



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*February 10.*

Hospital, El Gubat. Hæmorrhage set in. Lost a great deal of blood. Artery (sciatic I think), controlled by tourniquet, very uncomfortable.

*February 11.*

Bad night, no sleep. Bleeding completely stopped.

*February 12.*

Preparing to leave El Gubat, to be carried on a stretcher by Gordon's men to Korti. Feeling stronger. Whilst at Gubat attended by Surgeon Turner.

*February 13.*

A.M. 3.0.—Preparing to leave. Got away eventually between 8.0 and 9.0. 11.0, halted. Noon, enemy appeared and opened fire. Laged in wounded with camels, 2 hours under fire, 3 killed, 5 wounded. Lights appeared, enemy retreated and we proceeded, on stretchers, Maj.-Gen<sup>l</sup> Stewart, Major Poë, R.M.L.I., Lieut. Crutchley, Scots Guards, self and 6 men. Marched 14'. Escort, Heavys and m<sup>td</sup> infantry. Wounded also on camels.

*February 14.*

Arr<sup>d</sup> at Abou Klea early afternoon. 12' from halting place, very dusty.

*February 15.* A.M. 9.0.—Left Abou Klea.

*February 16.*

March from Abou Klea to Gakdoul. General Stewart died.

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*February 17.*

Arr<sup>d</sup> at Gakdoul 3.0 P.M. General Stewart buried here. Wound doing well. Rec<sup>d</sup> letters here.

*February 18.*

Hospital, Gakdoul. Heard General Buller had been attacked at Abou Klea.

*February 19.* Hospital, Gakdoul.

*February 20.*

Left Gakdoul. 24 stretcher cases, very hot and uncomfortable, Surgeons Dick and Pinching. Escort, 20 men dismounted 19<sup>th</sup> Hussars, great scarcity of camels.

*February 21.* A.M.—March from Gakdoul to Korti.

*February 22.* Gakdoul to Korti. Arr<sup>d</sup> at El Howeiyat.

*February 23.* Gakdoul to Korti. Left El Howeiyat.

*February 24.* El Howeiyat to Korti.

*February 25.*

5.0 P.M.—Arr<sup>d</sup> at Korti. Feeling fairly strong. Heard of promotion. Lord Wolseley visited us. Telegraphed Salter, V.K., wound doing well. Tent, etc. here, very comfortable. Dis<sup>t</sup> from El Gubat to Korti, 176 miles, carried on stretcher the whole way.

*February 26.* Hospital, Korti.

*February 27.* Hospital, Korti.

*February 28.* Hospital, Korti.

*March 1.* Hospital, Korti. English mail arrived. Last letter,

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*March 2.* Hospital, Korti.

*March 3.*

Left Korti in *Lotus*, Bell med. charge, fairly comfortable, feeling strong, wound doing well. Every one has been most kind at Korti. Generals, Captain Boardman, Cruickshank 56<sup>th</sup>, etc.

*March 4.*

On board *Lotus* (stern-wheeler) *en route* for Dongola. Somerset (Blues), Munro, Thomas, and self, 21 men on board and in nuggar. Came upon *Nassafera* wrecked. Took off Pöe, Col. Webber and 5 men. Proceeded.

From letter of Lord Wolseley to Captain Harry Rawson, *H.M.S. Alexandra*, Mediterranean Flag Ship :

‘CAMP KORTI, SOUDAN.

‘11<sup>th</sup> March, 1885.

‘Commander Van Koughnet, R.N., left here some days ago for Abu Fatmeh, where there is a good hospital. Your letter shall be sent after him.

‘He is nearly quite recovered from his wound, and was looking very well and healthy when I last saw him. He is a gallant and a first-rate officer.

‘I am much obliged for all your good wishes.

‘Faithfully yours,

‘WOLSELEY.’

*March 5.*

A.M. 7.30.—Arr<sup>d</sup> at Dongola.

P.M. 5.0.—Went on board nuggar for passage to Abou Fatmeh, Bourke (George) in med. charge. Sand storm, unable to proceed.

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*March 6.* Wind-bound below Dongola.

*March 7.* Dongola to Abou Fatmeh in nuggar.

*March 8.* Dongola to Abou Fatmeh in nuggar.

*March 9.*

Arr<sup>d</sup> at Abou Fatmeh about 4.0 P.M. Taken to hospital at 5.30 P.M., not o'er comfortable or civil. Tent close, flies awful. Grub so so. Wound doing well. Still in bed.

*March 10.* Hospital, Abou Fatmeh.

*March 11.* Hospital, Abou Fatmeh. Heat and flies V.B.

*March 12.* Hospital, Abou Fatmeh. Same.

*March 13.*

Hospital, Abou Fatmeh. Heard of poor Turner's death (A.M.S.). Left Abou Fatmeh for Cabodie, 4 miles on stretcher *en route* for Kaibar.

*March 14.*

A.M. 8.0.—Left for Kaibar in whaler, convoy 6 boats, Capt<sup>n</sup> Shortt 100 Reg<sup>t</sup> in command, water bad until past Shaban. Our boat knocked a hole in herself, camped for night about 20' down.

*March 15.*

*En route* arr<sup>d</sup> at Kaibar about 10.30 A.M., total distance 35'. Col. Trotter most kind. Left Kaibar about 4.0 P.M. with Somerset in whaler, ahead of convoy (Surtees in command), camped for night

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*March 16.*

A.M. 8.0.—Picked up by convoy, proceeded. Blowing hard from North. Difficult to make way.

*March 17.* Kaibar to Dal, still blowing hard from North.

*March 18.* Kaibar to Dal, still blowing.

*March 19.*

Kaibar to Dal. Noon, Omara. 7.0 P.M., arrived at Dal, commissariat depot, carried to hospital, Sarkamatto, comfortable and kind. Telegram, appointed a Commander to Nile Expedition.

*March 20.*

Left Sarkamatto in the afternoon, for portage, carried on stretcher. Proceeded to Akasheh by boat. Pearson, 19<sup>th</sup>, in charge. 5.30, arrived at Akasheh, fairly comfortable.

*March 21.* At Akasheh Hospital.

*March 22.*

Left for Tangore Road, stretcher 10 miles, small camp.

*March 23.* Left for Ambigole Wells, 10 miles stretcher.

*March 24.*

Left for rail head at 6.30, arr<sup>d</sup> at 10.30, and Halfa at 4.15 by train. Hospital. Very much better, etc. Rec<sup>d</sup> appointment and Commission.

*March 25.* Wady Halfa Hospital.

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*March 26.*

Left Halfa 10.0 A.M. in dahabeah in tow of *Nil*, Somerset and Thomas. Arr<sup>d</sup> at Sarras (? Faras).

*March 27.*

Sarras (? Faras), waiting for steamer other side of bar. Bad sand storm.

*March 28.*

Taken in tow by *Benah* and proceeded as far as Ibreem. *Mahmoudieh* there, Turner in command and Shakespeare.

*March 29.*

Daylight left for Korosko, arr<sup>d</sup> at 9 o'clock a.m. Saw Carter. 10.30, proceeded in tow of *Misseri*. *Säidieh* up with Prince Hassan. Fresh Northerly breeze. Sunset, Kalabsheh.

*March 30.*

Daylight, *en route*. 10.0, Philæ. Passed thro' Assouan and embarked in post boat for Assiout, lunched with Colonel Henderson, saw Hammill and Reeve. Passengers — Somerset, Williams, Reeve, Villiers, and self. Lovely, comfortable. Food most excellent and clean. Sunset, Komombo.

*March 31.*

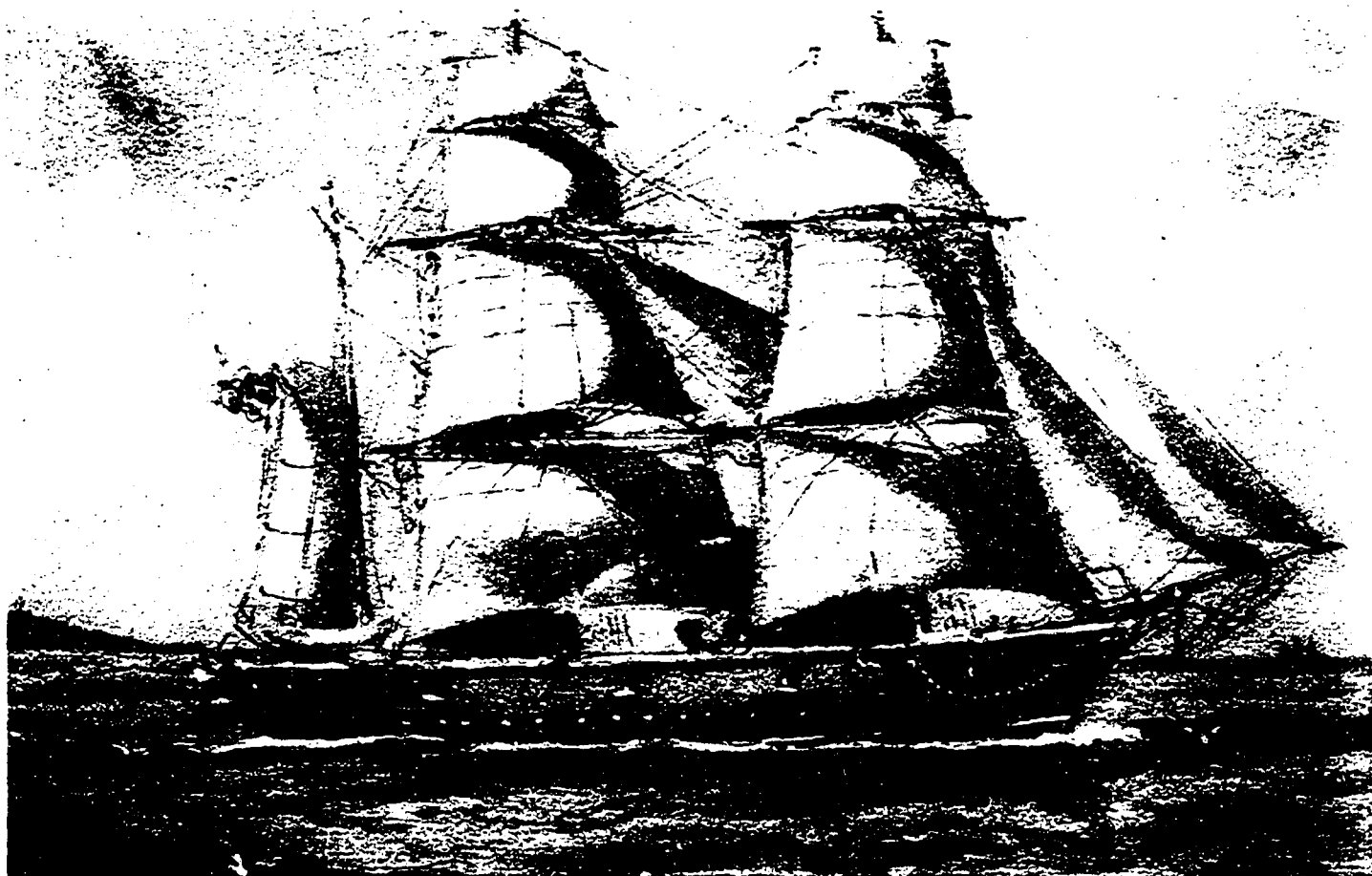
*En route* at daylight. Sunset, Luxor. Villiers left us.

*April 1.*

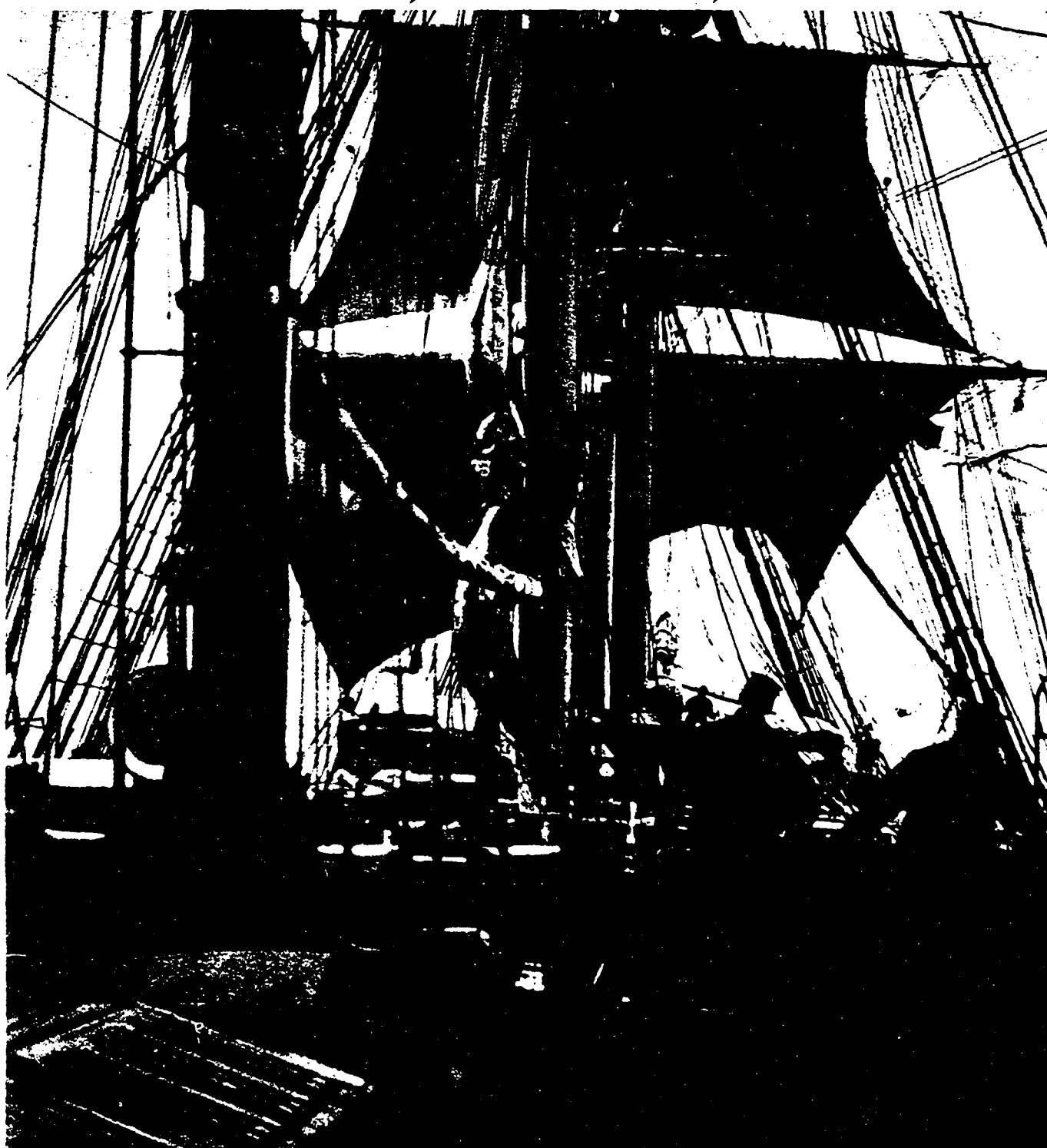
Daylight, *en route*. Sunset, Girgeh.

*April 2.*

Daylight, *en route*. 4.0, Assiout. Reported selves to Commandant. Did bazaar, &c.



*H.M.S. "Wild Swan" in the Pacific.  
 Sketched by Admiral Sir William Kennedy.*



*H.M.S. "Wild Swan."  
 Running before a gale on the S.W. coast of Chili.*





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*April 3.*

Left Assiout 8.30 a.m., and Cairo 7.10 p.m. Dust very bad. Went to Shephard's. Oh! the luxury of a good hot tub. Hotel fairly full, mostly service men and grass widows.

*April 4.*

At Cairo. Reported selves to Headquarters and Hospital. . . .

*April 5. Sunday.*

Church 8.30 a.m. and 11.0 a.m. . . .

*April 6.*

Shephard's. Went before Medical Board. Recommended for 6 months' sick leave. Rec<sup>d</sup> orders to leave Cairo next morning for Suez to embark in transport *Romeo*.

*April 7.*

Left Cairo at 11.30 a.m. for Suez. Somerset, Dickson, Snow, Macgill, Stamel, Drummond, and Beach and self. 7.0, Suez. Slept on board *Romeo* and ordered to embark in P. & O. *Bokhara*.

Commander Van Koughnet remained under care for twenty months, during which time he had to refuse appointment of Commander of *Minotaur*, by order of Medical Director-General, was allowed to go to Greenwich to study during this time, when he obtained a G (this being the second one), and special prize of 50*l.* for marine surveying, navigation, &c.

He was selected for command of H.M.S. *Fearless* during the Jubilee Naval Review and subsequent operations, 1887, afterwards being selected to command H.M.S. *Wild Swan* in the Pacific. He brought her home February, 1889, when she was

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paid off at Devonport. In 1891, he was employed by the Admiralty for working out the details of the revision of the Service rig of sailing boats.

He retired with rank of Captain on 14th July, 1894. On 19th April, 1898, he was appointed by H.R.H. the Duke of York as his Honorary Secretary for the Naval Section of the Army and Navy Committee of the Royal Commission of the Paris Exhibition of 1900, for which the Duke of York was Vice-President; King Edward VII. (then Prince of Wales) being President.

In 1899, when the South African War broke out, Captain Van Koughnet, then on the retired list, was selected by the Admiralty as Divisional Naval Transport Officer; Captain Sir Edward Chichester, Bart., R.N., being Principal Naval Transport Officer. He sailed for the Cape on 16th September, in SS. *Tantallon Castle* from Southampton, with Sir Edward Chichester, General Sir George White and Staff being also on board.

He arrived at the Cape on 2nd October, and took over the Naval Transport work the following day, choosing and fitting up the Clock Tower in the Docks as Transport Office. Sir Edward Chichester proceeded to Durban to take up the Transport work there, but came back to the Cape in November, Captain Van Koughnet leaving it on 3rd November and arriving at Durban 6th November, where he remained Divisional Transport Officer until October, 1900, at which date the Natal Army was no longer retained as a separate command.

He left Durban for England 28th October.

A great difficulty at that time at Port Natal was with ships over a certain draught, also if the bar was bad they could not



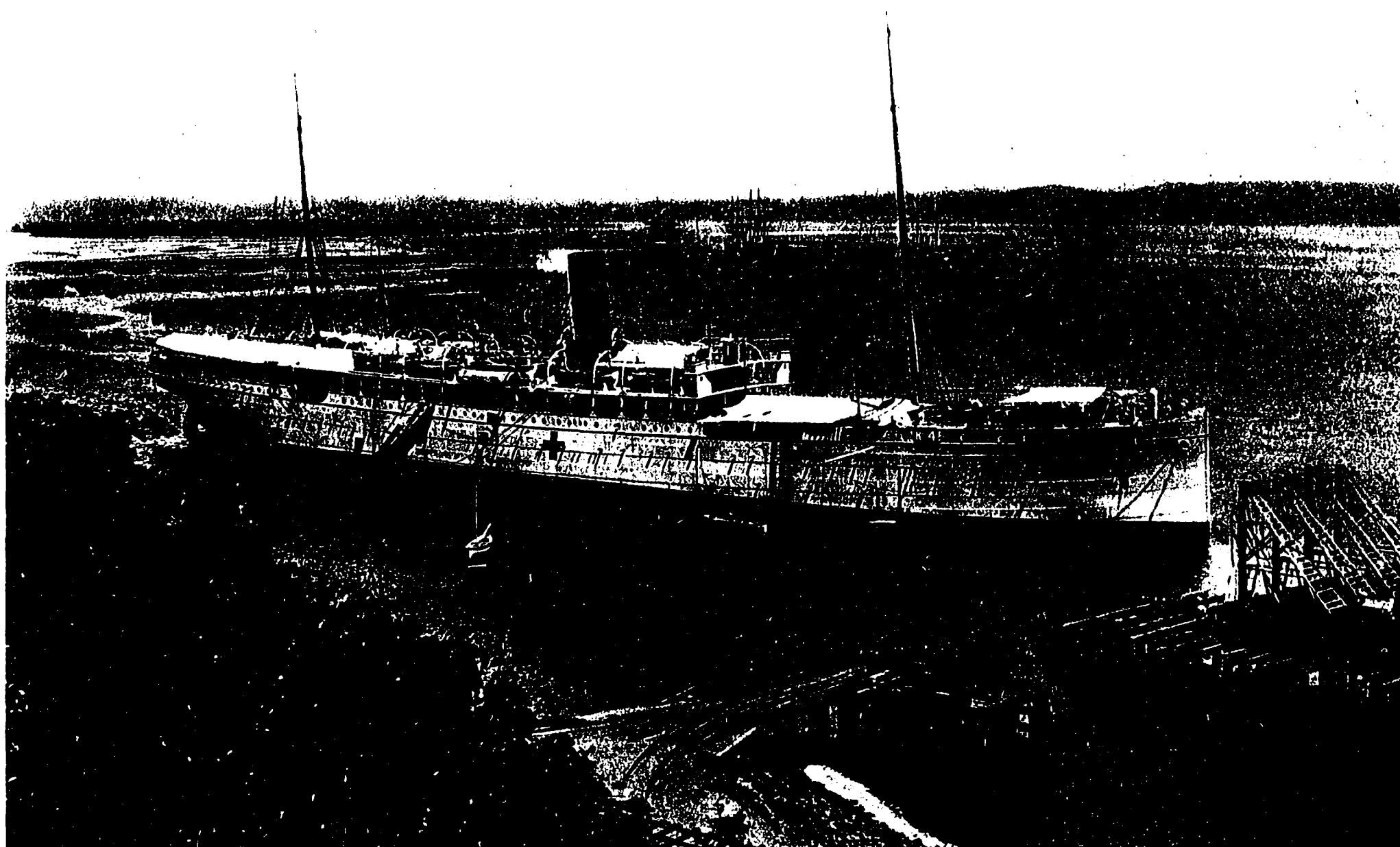
COMMANDER G. HOLLAND, R.I.N.

COLONEL McCORMACK, R.A.N.C.

CAPTAIN E.B. VAN ROUGHNET, R.N.

*Durban.*





*Hospital Ship Nubia  
Durban.*



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be got in, and then the work had to go on in the Roads, which was dangerous and slow. But troops were urgently needed up country, and it was imperative to take the risk and bring them over the bar. The *Armenian*, of 8700 tons, with three batteries of Field Artillery and an ammunition column with over 500 horses and all the guns, carts, &c., was brought over the bar, disembarked, and batteries and all sent up country in 17 hours and 20 minutes, the same ship having taken five days to load in England. Work like this was continuous.

Without any losses, under the supervision of Captain Van Koughnet, there were landed from October, 1899, to September, 1900 :—

Officers and men	...	...	...	...	75,359
Horses	...	...	...	...	21,150
Mules	...	...	...	...	9,558
Tons of stores	...	...	...	...	350,529
Tons of coal	...	...	...	...	70,403

Reshipped :—

Officers and men	...	...	...	...	31,018
Horses and mules	...	...	...	...	3,439
Tons of stores	...	...	...	...	12,000

And the following Hospital Ships fitted up :—*Lismore Castle, Nubia, Dunera, Avoca, Simla, Orcana.*

There was no base hospital at Durban. On December 2nd, Brig.-Gen. Wolfe Murray, in command of Natal lines of communication, telephoned to Captain Van Koughnet to at once fit up a Hospital Ship, and receive the sick and wounded coming down. Captain Van Koughnet immediately answered the order

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by telephone, choosing the transport *Lismore Castle*, taking all responsibility, and Commander Holland, R.I.M., worked out the details. She was absolutely gutted and transformed, and in four and a half days was ready to receive the invalids. She had taken three weeks to be fitted out in England. Then came the work of transforming and fitting five more. They all proved successful.

In General Sir Redvers Buller's despatch to Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, he says:—

‘The Naval Transport work at Durban has been throughout under the charge of Captain Van Koughnet, R.N. I desire to take this opportunity of bringing to notice the excellent service which he has rendered.

‘Owing to his tact and ability, the difficult and oftentimes very heavy work of embarkation and disembarkation has passed smoothly and well.’

For his services during the South African War he was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. The badge of the Order was personally presented to him by King Edward VII. at an Investiture held at St. James's Palace on 3rd June, 1901.

Captain Van Koughnet was a Justice of the Peace for Hertfordshire.

He married, 1st September, 1887, Lady Jane Charlotte Elizabeth Alexander. .

He died at sea on 27th March, 1905, when returning from Port Said to England.

He left no issue.



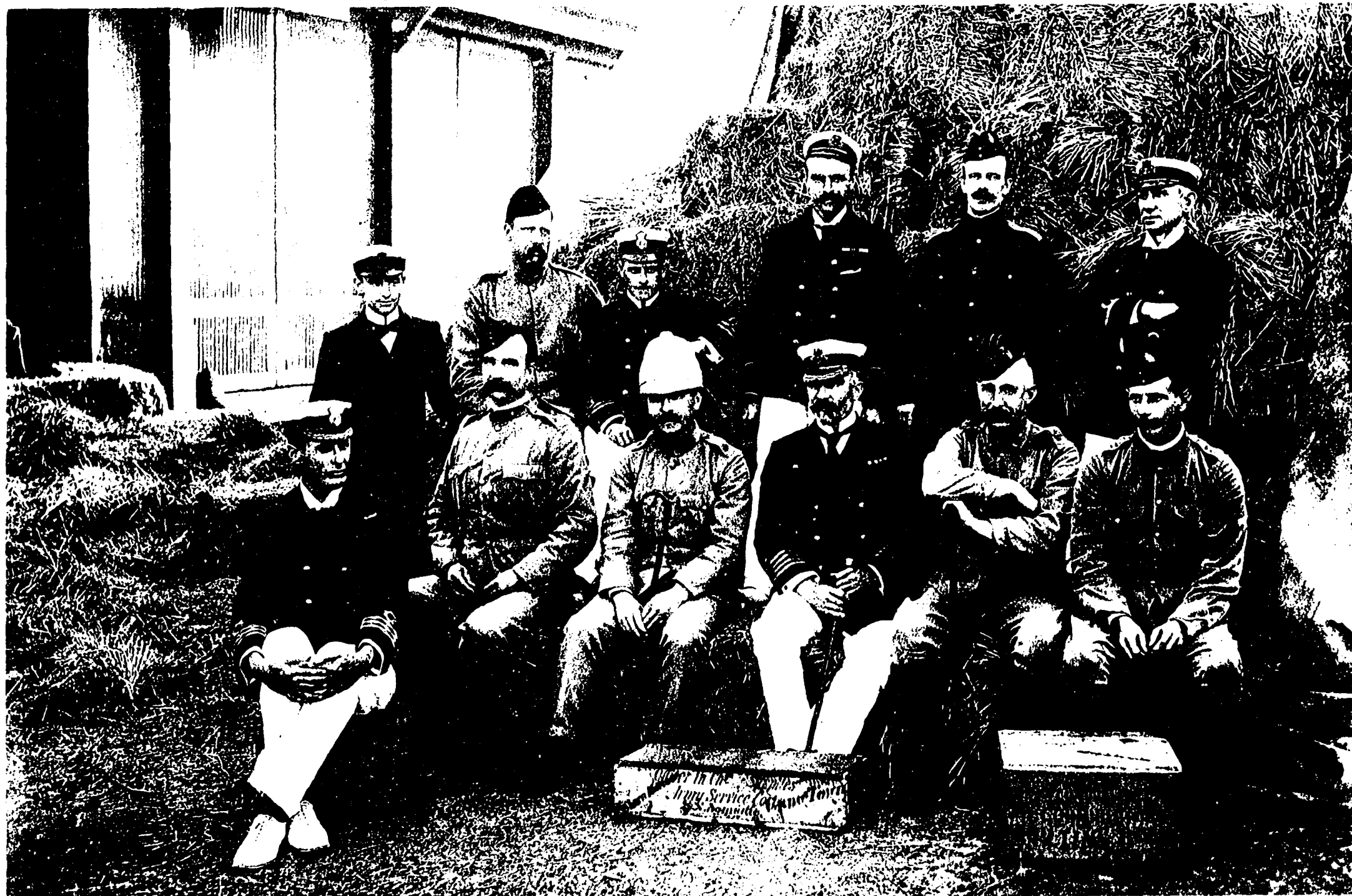
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CAPT\* E. B. VAN KOUGHNET, R.N.

MAJOR BARTON.

CAPT\* C. TOOGOOD.

*Transport Staff Durban 1900.*



## CHAPTER III

### PROPERTY OF THE VON GOCHNATS AT COLMAR

**I**N 1876, Mr. Salter Van Koughnet made inquiries through the Consulate of the German Empire at Toronto, as to whether there was any of the von Gochnat property remaining in Colmar, and the following information was given:—

#### ‘ CONCERNING THE FAMILY OF VON GOCHNAT OR VAN KOUGHNET.

‘ The notarial acts filed in the archives of the District of Colmar, show that the family of von Gochnat was a large one and was in possession of some property. Some members of it have for a few generations been surgeons, some belonged to the mercantile class, one was a woollen weaver (cloth worker), one a tanner; another, Jean by name, was Lieutenant in the Imperial Regiment of Saxe-Hildberghausen, another was receiver of taxes at Worth in Lower Alsace.

‘ The von Gochnats were citizens of Colmar and intermarried mostly with influential families of that city. Their possessions consisted of houses at Colmar, of real estate (vineyards, farmlands, and forests), lying scattered throughout the different adjoining municipal districts, a few fiefs also were in possession of the family.

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‘1681.—Towards the latter part of the seventeenth century the family divided into two main branches, of which, one had Johann Eberhard I. von Gochnat, the other, Valentine von Gochnat for ancestors. Johann Eberhard I. had a son, Johann Eberhard II., born 1681, who was a surgeon at Colmar.

‘1733.—The same appears first in the notarial acts in the year 1724; later on, however, he appears more frequently. He died about 1733. From his first marriage with Maria Salome Birr (who died 21st January, 1715), he had issue, one daughter who died early, and a son, Johann Eberhard III. From the second marriage with Anna Margaretha Barth he had issue, two children, Anna Margaretha and Jeremias. From the father’s side Johann Eberhard III., who followed the trade of a tanner, inherited a few hundred guilders, a vineyard in the municipal district of Ingersheim, a fief at Munwider, and a few other immovable properties.

‘1734.—Johann Eberhard III. married on the 20th September (August?), 1734, Maria Barbara Schmücker. He moved towards the latter part of the forties in the last century to Mannheim, whereupon his wife, who remained at Colmar, applied for the division of property. In consequence of this a trustee was appointed, and the dower handed over to the forsaken wife, consisting of 1245 livres (November, 1747). The trustee’s name was Scubelin. The latter also collected the returns from a sale of the vineyard at Ingersheim.

‘There was a further sale of property in 1752.

‘The fates of Johann Eberhard von Gochnat and his wife are not known.\*

\* Parents of Michael Van Koughnet, born at sea during their voyage to America.

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‘Valentine von Gochnat, ancestor of the second main branch, had a son whose name was also Johann Eberhard, born 7th December, 1704, became a weaver, and married 13th February, 1736.

‘It may be assumed positively that there was no fortune left by any of the von Gochnats who emigrated to America about this time.’

## CHAPTER IV

### DOCUMENTS AT COLMAR

**I**N August, 1894, my husband, Captain Edmund Van Koughnet and I visited Colmar, wishing to see the country where the ancestors of his family had lived, and also with a view to ascertaining if any descendants of the von Gochnats still remained there.

The scenery as one approaches Colmar from Strassburg on one side is mountainous, and there are old ruined castles standing on heights. Colmar itself is full of quaint houses, decorated with ornamental ironwork. Part of the town is built on a canal, and one sees the busy peasants bringing their vegetables to market by it in their punts. Flowing into the canal is a swift, narrow stream.

Alsace was formerly part of the kingdom of Austrasia, afterwards the French departments of Upper and Lower Rhine. It was incorporated with the German Empire in the tenth century. A portion was restored to France in 1648, and the whole, including Strassburg, in 1697. Alsace was reconquered by the Germans in 1870.

In 1894 there appeared to be no one of the name of von Gochnat living in Colmar, but in the Bibliothèque of the City

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were some curious old German manuscripts connected with the family. I give the translation of some of them :—

‘CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM, MR. JOHANN ULRICH VON GOCHNATT,  
LATE SURGEON AND NOW MERCHANT.

‘Anno 1696 on the 21st of March a child of Mr. Valentin von Gochnatt and Anna Ursula Reichersin, has been christened with the name of Johann Ulrich. The Sponsors were Johann Herr, Merchant, Mr. Hans Georg Vollhandt, Surgeon, Mrs. Magdalena, Widow of the late Mr. Hans Ulrich Heischens, chief Guardian of Orphans.’

‘Extracted from the Main Register of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colmar the 26th of January 1739.



‘(Testified) N. KLEIN,  
Pastor and Senior Minister.’

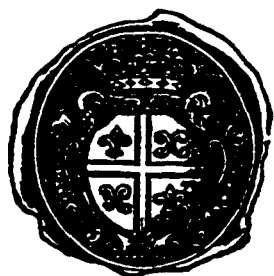
‘THE hereinafter-mentioned Bearer of this, Herr Johann Ulrich von Gochnat native of Colmar in Alsace who has served under my command in the Honourable Regiment of Dragoons of Prince Lichtenstein as Surgeon from the 1st of October: ’727 to the Middle of January of the present Year, who now wishes to leave and to return to his Fatherland, I therefore have, on his becoming applicative, been willing to give him, Herr Johann Ulrich von Gochnat the present Testimonial not only on account of his Ability and Application in all Cases which have presented themselves but likewise on account of the full Satisfaction of the Honourable

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Regiment as to his Contentedness and Conduct, but likewise to supply him for the purpose of an unobstructed Journey in accordance with his Rank (*nach zu allbeförderstamben geneügten wüills de Meliori Accomendiren wollen*).

‘Given, Mantua, the 15th January, ’735.

‘Colonel and Commander of His Royal Imperial Majesty’s, the Honourable Prince Lichtenstein’s Regiment of Dragoons,



‘R: BARON VON SALFA.’

‘MOST HONOURABLE, WORSHIPFUL, MOST NOBLE, DISCREET  
AND MOST WISE, BENEVOLENT AND HIGH  
COMMANDING SIR.

‘The Suppliant, Johann Ulrich von Gochnat, Burgher and Surgeon here, Memorializes your Lordship and Excellency, humbly stating, that he has decided to remove from here to Strassburg, for the purpose of settling there and that he in conformity with his Civil Duty, deemed it necessary to make it known to the Benevolent Magistrate, so that the same may be pleased to absolve your Suppliant of his Oath, which he has taken before the Gracious Magistrate and then to hand him a Certificate, as to his good conduct, for which he has the Honour herewith most respectfully to apply, therefore be it known to your Lordship and Excellency that the Suppliant most respectfully does not doubt you will graciously decree that in respect of the above-mentioned Petition he receives, on payment of



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the Fees, from the Chancery here an authentic Attestation as regards his Conduct and that he is graciously released of the Civil Oath he has sworn to the Gracious Magistrate.

‘ Your Lordship’s and Excellency’s  
humble and obedient Burgher,  
‘ JOHANN ULRICH VON GOCHNAT.’

‘ Aujourd ’huy vingt sept Juin une sept cent et trent neuf.

‘ Le Sieur Jean Ulrich de Gochnat Bourgeois chirugien de cette ville entré en la Chambre d’audiance a fait le Serment dit Abschwur Eydt dont le Magistrat et Conseil luy a donné acte.

‘ BANSFORD,  
*Sindic.*’

‘ WE, The Royal Prætor of the Masters and Councillors of the Town of Colmar, make known and direct herewith that the here-mentioned Mr Johann Ulrich von Gochnat, Burgher and Examined Surgeon here, and his beloved Wife Maria Salome *née* Dietzin, in accordance with their correctly presented Request, that they have resolved to move away from here and to settle in the laudable Town of Strassburg—For which, on account of their journey as well as departure from here a certified Document is of course necessary, we have granted Permission to this Request, after consideration accorded by means of a Decree, of the twenty-seventh of this month, We also each and every one gladly anticipate for them Prosperity ; As we witness Herewith in Virtue of our Office that the above-mentioned Mr. Johann Ulrich von Gochnat and his Beloved for the Time, we can answer

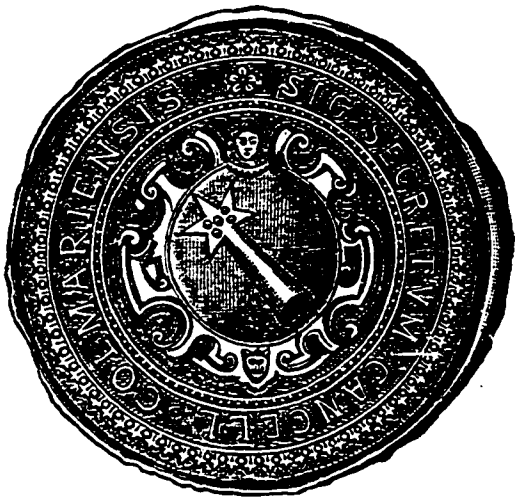
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for, have been living with us, borne and conducted Themselves so, that we can only praise them, in respect to Their Honour and Standing and likewise that they with our previous Knowledge and Will, after taking the ordinary releasing Oath (*Abschwurin*) have parted from here, therefore the above has to be taken with all Honour and in good Faith: yet without prejudice.

‘In Witness whereof we have affixed hereto the Secret Seal of the Town Chancery and instructed it to be signed by the Town Sindicus.

‘Given Colmar the 30th June, 1739.

‘BANSFORD,  
*Sindicus.*’



Another manuscript is the ‘Contrat de Mariage — Jean Rodolphe Düring et Anna Maria von Kirn, Colmar, 18 Juillet, 1723.’

This in no way concerns the von Gochnats except that Johann Eberhard von Gochnat was one of the witnesses and has his seal with his coat-of-arms attached to his signature—



*Johann Eberhard von Gochnat*

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This coat-of-arms has a curious similarity to those borne by the Van Koughnets of the present day, though not quite the same. It would appear that they may have changed their crest or that the present one had been drawn from memory, which is more than probable, for we know that in his flight from the States to Canada, Michael lost every personal thing, which proves how much he respected that document which he brought with him, namely the Contract of Marriage between Johann Eberhard von Gochnat and Maria Barbara Schmücker.

Colonel Philip Van Koughnet used to describe that flight into Canada to his grandson, saying how his father came across the border so hurriedly, with nothing except the clothes he had on him and only a pick and a shovel.

It is difficult to realise the hardships which the United Empire Loyalists endured after the campaign, which had proved disastrous to Great Britain. They were chiefly of the more influential classes and people of property. They had risked all and lost.

The British Government negotiated with America, asking that they might be recompensed in some measure for their losses, but this was naturally not fulfilled by the United States after she had formed her own Government.

Then England offered them land in Upper Canada, and this caused an epoch in Canadian History, for up to this period the French Canadians of Quebec had been the principal people in Canada, and now Ontario became flooded with a fresh element, men of strict Tory predilections and loyal to the King, and many of them were chosen for the Government and Legislature, securing and cementing the tie between Canada and the Mother Country.





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