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A long boat was started by a few Kaffirs in
attacking some Loois Kraals a few miles from
Kings Mts. and carrying off Loois and other
who were with them - This was done very early
in the morning, and a report of the proceedings
went in to the General - A party of the 12th and
some of Montagu's horse were dispatched in
the direction they had gone - previous to which
however several hours before Capt. M. Cleaver
the 1st Flank Co. was ordered to start a party of
Kaffirs from Fort Limerick a party of Kaffirs on
their shore - All returned home without taking
the Chief - Top with his party of the 12th in pursuit
of a Kaffi Prisoner who started out to be one
of Pato's men - having also killed another one
the fellow Wards - The Loois Loois River is opposite
to Sandhill - who gave directions that he should
be immediately killed - but they would not
allow him to be maltreated and said they
would of Sandhill's permission liberate him -
This they did - and then returned to his friends
no doubt delighted at his escape, but grieved
at the manner all his losses had been treated -
It appears they were stopped before his friends
the very heads they were as a consequence to a certain
part were taken off - The greatest indignity that

Come has offered to a Haffer Chief - I wish to get
Monday the day after his liberation and he was
then occupied in detaching all his proceedings
to Capt. Mear (Hear) the trapping of Potatoes and some
holes which are numerous and too small the being
they have gone forth in the latter County - but
what will be the result is yet uncertain the
much to be hoped that Mear two friendly Indians
will unite in a command against the latter.
I hope they will do this the latter will soon be
chased as the expression goes in this country
I never permit they may -

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29.

Some bundle cases came off to day on the Rover. 29/11
The whole of the 10th. Kipler came in from Port Arthur
to day, and I got off the 6th. Kipler also returned being
relieved by the 10th. Kipler also came in from Port Arthur
in a short time since - The remainder of the
10th. have also been sent for - and they are all
likely to return - There are however numerous
aposts as to the names the two Kiplers are recalled
and too imperfect they are to put together.

3rd claim - Ben. Stas from the Kirk river now back arrived to day
having been somewhat considerably expected for 4 or 5
days - Their considerable number being on support -

station in the Lochs, and on the following day marched to King's Cove. Such a disgusting Potato. I have never seen a better. We had long and harassing marches, and efforts to fight cholera - Ben St. John's (St. John's) was an old fool, and so insisted on disposing of my Company on one occasion that had there been any chance to fight we must have been cut off to a man - On the same day - having lost my Company to cover the advance of the Colours - through a thick bush up a hill - without letting me know his intention. He suddenly changed the route of the Colours and allowed ^{us} to proceed as the old line. Some time after he descended the Right Shoulder forward - as a means of bringing us back. It certainly by good luck brought me to an opening in the bush from which I descended the rear of the Colours going in a totally different direction - Disjointed I naturally was at this proceeding - However I got my men together at last - Subst with his Company struck to me for fear of accidents like a man and ran together then rejoined the Colours.

- 17th June - I was this day employed at a post. The weather as Capt. Sledge indicated. We took a long march for getting his ammunition to a happy -
- 18th June - Great rain - and took a march of the 6th for getting his from from some series. And endeavouring to take them to some happy -
- 19th June - A large Potato this evening at 2 post P. The landing at 10. P.M. we were leaving to the King's Cove. The Regent since we had been ordered to separate from Mr. Hook. The object of the attack appears to be an attack of cholera. The force employed is tolerably large - however great the results may be fortunate. The time 10.43. here - remains in the place - It is 5.30. 5.30. 6th an squadron of 100 men a detachment of the Cape Corps and a lot of series and Fergan Company the force. Lt. Mitchell having the command, although he General accompanied the Potato. A few days since the latter made a most successful attack on a party of Subj. Government by Woodley which resulted in few happy from Graham's Town to Fort Rempart - They had sent for them at the house - and when they were crossing a deep ravine - they fired a number of shot into them killing 7 men and wounding 9. Besides a horse and 2 weapon drivers.

The Party of Supplies were exceedingly small
about 30 only. Being thus severely supplied they
were forced to abandon the waggon and make
for the cover of our old station, where they encamped
themselves. The letters carried the Waggon a short
distance and completely emptied them. of their
very valuable cargo, which consisted amongst
other things of 500 lbs of dried Peas - about
15 bushels - 1500 rounds of Russian ammunition -
cannon and a lot of blasting powder together
with an end of tools belonging to the Supplies.
Fortunately George Pomeroy, before they started
took out the supplies from the Peas for
the purpose of forwarding them by some other
means - but too far from the supplies of the market
the letters have many got there. It would
appear that the great culpability is attached
to the authorities as to whomsoever the fault belongs
to doubtless a great deal of blame is to be
conferred. The Party passed successfully - but some
overpowered by numbers.

Monday - Walked with the Colonel to the hills above
the town - the weather being very fine the direction of the
wind - but no more of what is going on -

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21st - Colonel Bage arrived to day from the Pottery - He
stayed with us in the evening and gave us the following
particulars - He was ordered with his division to march
towards Brunoy's Heights, to cooperate with the Pottery
which left him on the evening of Saturday last. He made
a night march of it in the general direction - The
General led him wrong and from the darkness of the
night and the difficulties of passing through a timber
thicket he found it would be impossible to
arrive at the spot named. At that time intended
he therefore passed on as hard as possible making
short runs he could and descended in the evening
at about daybreak - two Companies and a half of
Russ' only - viz. Roberts - Greener and part of Duke under
the command of Lt. Porter - the remainder of his
force could not possibly keep up and therefore he
did not wait for them - ^{while} ascending the height he
saw a large number of what he at first supposed
were the Trenches of the Pottery division - but on looking
through he found the men were to his astonishment
they were Iotters. They it appears were determined
to fight him - and their numbers seemed very
great - while he was advancing he was shot at
from the right flank - He not only

Admiral Keble. As into the boat supported by firemen
They were almost immediately attacked on the left
and then on their right at it in brilliant style.
Lt. Egan observed it was a position from which he
ought to have retired - the ant. of the number of men
coming which could not have been less than 600 -
whereas the force at his disposal was only 131 men.
The kind of hand fighting on ships from the bottom
from back to back and from back to back both reg-
iments turned back and fought on the front and
dropped in the boat. Lt. Egan says that during
the whole time he never before was in a fight on
deck of the ship - but on this occasion the force
opposed to them was most formidable. And
nothing but constant bravery - on this point
and the greatest gallantry on that of the officers
who dashed into the boat at the head of their men
could have carried them through. The balls were
flying thick and fast among our people - but for
the invincible way in which they got under
some very few indeed were hit - Three men only -
were wounded - and two horses - one of the latter

the other belonging to Lt. Egan which was delayed to
be shot directly - One of the men was wounded by
one of the same balls the shells had taken from Capt
Gardner's party - the people commenced a regular
dance - ~~they~~ after burning all the stores but
more than 100 of them - and they found all sort of
things - sugar, butter and cheese - much small pieces
of stuff for food and of documents in the bag
which was taken. The other, from this Chief Bookholder
has determined to fight us - and they decide here
regularly drilled his men - and kept the strictest
discipline amongst them - the women were allowed to
be present - but he also took one of the - whom Lt. Egan
observed to be instantly changed - a few minutes after
it was reported to him that the men were already
dead from wounds he had not when Lt. E. ordered them
to hang up what was left of him - The eight way of
dressing sent while - The whole of the fight was done
by 11:45 before the other division came up at all -
his glorious - and has been told of him as a
most gallant affair - Keble has been mentioned
most heartily in dispatches - and he deserves it
22^d This morning on 11:45 another division started for the
Islands to carry home today's provisions - as the decided

to drive the Indians regularly from the Pine Beach -
They might now be allowed to settle
down in the way they have, and say one here
says that if they are followed up & harassed
they think there may now be a termination of
the war - but I suppose this is against the policy
of the Government.

Went to Fort Manning to see Mr. Dean - and ascertain
if there was any truth in the report that Sanderlin
had been ordered by Keefe to go beyond the river
with all his Indians - It was said he was going
and that he only required to be allowed to
proceed unmolested. We had heard nothing
of the sort - and thought it was all hearsay -

The Indians from the Pine Beach returned to day - they
followed the Indians as far as Gravelly River - but
nothing important transpired -

Employed to day in Mr. Leake's interests as a first
Lt. Lieutenant -

Went on business with day -
The 6th last night received a dispatch order to
move to Fort Beaufort to day - to be employed
it is expected in the Westchester with the Rifle Brigade.

To day an order was issued postponing
their departure till further orders - It is feared
that the Gov. has received some information about
the Rebels - so much they have been reinforced -
from the Southern States, and have taken up
their old position in the Pine Beach near Manassas
River. If this is the case - and it is difficult
to say - Gen. Hooker has delayed the departure of the 6th
in order to get answers to despatches sent to
the Governor on the subject - The chances are
another attack will be planned against
them - What a mistake it is not giving
the General here carte blanche to act as he
thinks on such an emergency - Success in
his operations especially are required in this
Warfare - and heaven knows how much
the authorities seem to want both these
qualifications -

Mr. Taylor started for two months leave on
the 27th before going he sent for me and
being kindly offered me the use of his room
during his absence - This I gladly accepted.

for another month at least. as the prisoners they
saw have with last them yesterday from a day
months. -

At least one Duke during the month both started
for East London on his way to Copenhagen. He former
is two months back home. The latter is waiting for
employment as he has sent his two horses to return from
the service - There are only two of us left here
for now - The 6th are in the same way - as to
making things done agreeable to all parties we have
been since our two Co's went to the North. all been
living together at our house - and that of the 6th has
been closed. Stripton - Warden and Ellis are the
two remaining -

I was employed the greater part of yesterday day
arranging the packing of supplies for our people - I had
great difficulty in procuring Wagon horses for this
purpose - for the government people would not supply
them - and under our night long for one man
which at the rate of 10/- per diem would have cost
us some £20 - as the wagon must remain here
the whole till the return of some escort - however

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July -
Mr. Hughes the last (and) General was so severely
wounded and struck the horses he - into the prison
waggon -

26th To day the whole of the 73. from the North are sent in
to join us this place during the absence of the 6th Regt
beyond the river - Only a dozen of them showed with us
and we asked for more for Sunday -

The Governor has issued a Proclamation calling on
the Borough to come forth and join him in their
reprobation against the King - A few days after he
sent a great capital London throughout the Colony
telling the people in the plainest terms that unless
they turned out in considerable force to his assistance
he should strongly recommend his Majesty's Government
to withdraw the Troops from the Colony and leave
the Affairs to their own device - There can be no
doubt that for nothing ever so plausible than these
charges he has made - Meetings of some have
been called in all the Towns on the subject - In King
stown they have subscribed about £150 - and
they are to send about 100 people fully equipped
There is doing right well for so desirable a cause - The
great encouragement held out to individuals is that
all the cattle taken in to be the property of the captors

And the very odds if these people do not keep
their expenses right well -
A company of the 7th marched this morning to
reinforce Fort Pato - and to be stationed there
till further orders - This was in consequence of an
attack that was made on the Fort a few days
since when the Kaffers carried off a lot of cattle.
Fort Pato expressed regrets at the moment, but
said he could not prevent it, as his country is
full of Kaffers and numerous small bands
of them -

20th

Got some English letters and papers to day. The
came out in the same line of Mail Porters destined
for Australia - The horse left England I fancy about
the 5th of June - instead of the monthly mail only -
we shall occasionally get letters in by this line -
This morning a party - commanded by Col. Machel
6th Regt. started from K. & J. to join the Governor at
the Governor's, where he intends wintering his force.
Going to his inward into Kikis country - It consisted
of the whole of the 6th Regt. as strong as possible - about
50 strong have arrived in the place and a good number of
armstrongs have - What the force will amount to
altogether is at present quite uncertain - we have

are at present very anxious of ascertaining the
details which are received from the Governor. From
accounts which we read in the Colonial Paper
it would appear as if the Colonists intended
to respond to his call in a proper manner, &
that they will turn out in considerable numbers.
If they do this and discuss measures of
action in their country I really think there
may be a hope of a cessation to hostilities -
for once being thus close to his hearings - he
then will speedily think of a peace as he can
order what he pleases being paramount in
Kaffers -

Aug 5 - The General having determined to send out
another supply of provisions to the Kaffers.
I applied to know of the details under my
command about 20 men were to proceed
with the convoy - This he could not sanction -
but said that the Lt. Col. & myself with our
servants might accompany the escort. Mr. Plater
he ordered to remain in charge of the men left
behind - He then however got the Colonel leave

A woman also. and I with my two servants
 & went of my worldly goods in Kaffraria
 and a good stock of provisions started this
 morning - for the overland route. In eve. of
 the 7th passed the desert. We halted as usual
 for the night at the foot of the hills at Baidia
 house - and then went 2 or 40 miles & thence
 who came to visit the Haggas the remainder of
 the trip - We started long before daylight the 8th Aug.
 following morning - and succeeded in getting
 to the camp two good hours before dark. I
 never was so astonished as when I rose into
 the place - When I left it about 3 months since
 the foundation of a square house had just been
 commenced - I found it was nearly completed
 the whole of the town of the Port. were in long hats
 a complete bakery just completed from which
 we got our ration bread regularly in a few
 days after. Stables built for the Cape Corps - &
 temporary ones for our own horses - a good Hospital
 also erected for the sick and the commandant's
 house nearly completed. I found much deeper

had been erected by the Colonel's other self house
 about his own affairs - He had his servants
 kitchen and the stables of his own commandant's
 house built before he thought of his Officers
 and commanding his servants and house of work
 have consequence than they - In evening the commandant
 he had shown his being thoroughly wrapped up
 in help - For a great party but unfortunately he
 does not appear to be aware of it himself in
 the best degree -
 Such a busy scene as this place has become
 is extraordinary - The house which I mentioned
 are built of stone built of wattle & daub
 and well finished - capable of resisting the
 20th Aug. to withstand for several years - However
 great improvements have of late been made
 and all the Officers houses are to be built of
 brick - a good guard has been formed &
 at this time many thousand good disposable
 troops have been made and sent - 12,000
 men are hard at work - and no end of the
 duties find constant employment - besides

Several Hottentots have as much as hunt as
they can possibly accomplish. Parties of them
are sent out all round the Camp - occasionally
some venture off to get Hottentot and ant-
elope in the kloofs. A large boar-hunting party
under the command of a Captain recently
accompanied them - to be ready in case of any
attack from the Kaffers. Reports from others
have been sent - they appear to have been
killed nearly altogether - and never dream of dis-
turbance as respects to our way, and that as in
burning the grass. And thus destroying all the
Hottentots. The country is so dry that a small
shade thrown down, will almost instantly be
ignited - and when mixed with some he is
enveloped in smoke and flames. This sort of
sweeping out is done for the purpose of annoying
us - but to the contrary at this season of the
year always to burn the grass - as the young
herbage sprouts up during the rainy season

in a much more luxuriant shape - we shall
eventually have splendid pasture for our horses
and cattle -
During the week the Senior and Junior started
early on business into the Dindly gully to
shoot and bring in - they found a lot of Kaffers
and in good many shots were exchanged - without
effect. They burnt all the huts they found and
succeeded in capturing about a dozen horses
the best I have seen at any time taken from
the Kaffers - These days since I got a message
to come in - our business improved in
a half hour both as regards heat and shot -
I have succeeded in making myself tolerably
comfortable - My house has been completed
and the ground laid out for my small
garden - and I have already begun to
fence round it - A great event too happened
this week - two of the four hinds I brought
with me from King William's Town - have laid down
eggs - and I mean to establish a poultry yard -
We must not however neglect our chickens

before they are hatched in some season from
me - for while the war continues one knows not
what a long way being forth -

I am sorry to say the survey has broken out
amongst the men - Four cases are now in Hospital -
its origin is ascribed entirely to the want of be-
potatoes diet; the men having nothing but thin
dry rations to eat - and no green food or potatoes
of any kind -

The house in which I am to reside is furnished & I
don't I am sure enjoying it - It is more like a
bar than anything else - I don't know - No cooking
but the kitchen - The walls are white washed - and
adorned to take off the roughness of the red brick - It
is like a place for the summer - because has been
disturbed - There are two rooms in it opening
from one another, each a bit open, very small for
my servants - This abode after a short absence
looks a palace - and if I had but my Bayonet
I might make myself tolerably comfortable -

This afternoon a small body of Drumsongs have
been seen approaching from Camp - headed by Lt
Bygon - he came from his standing camp in the
Cheshire valley and saw the traces of all sorts
of deer - The men turned out and gave him

a good cheer - when he turned round and
was asked - If they knew what I was come for
they would not be much inclined to cheer -

It seems that the expedition against the waterbury
has really been most disastrous - and that at
least Drumsong has been driven out of it - with
the prospect of his not returning as Potts & company have
been established as permanent hosts of it - The
Governor after this, passed a Vote for Regt
the force consisting of his own Regt No 73 - 8 Co's both
in hot of the line and Drumsongs have and
a great number of Fuzils and Snaps - he gave
them excellent and much more than he had in
and about the destination - He intended to have
sent the whole of his formidable force out from the
Cheshire mountains, but owing to other concerns -
he could only manage to forward to Lt Bygon, for another
supply of provisions he was somewhat short - Drumsong
he received the force as a company and sent off
Drumsong Co & Snaps to Drumsong Dr. to cooperate
with Drumsong Drumsong Drumsong -

At 5 P.M. started with my Co. for Drumsong with others as
soon as possible to meet the provisions before morning
the hospital for the night at the old Drumsong ground

at the foot of the hill at Sandys place - We got over-
sightful letters here - only a part of them coming
as the state of the beach had not allowed at 4 P.M.
on the departure of the baggage -

Nearly this morning we were surprised to find
seven Kaffirs had paid us back a visit in the
night & had swarmed in carrying off from
under the eyes of the sentries of the 6th Regt. 2
Mulleys a sheep of 12 lbs. weighing & 2 Mr. Thomas
a Womble, and 3 other animals. They actually
did the crime by which the loss to the baggage -
We returned to camp at night -

The 1st and all the dependents from the 1st to
with the exception of about 50 men to guard the
place in our absence started for Mount M. to
to capture the Cape Garrison divisions in the
Garrison and the Kingsbrook. We arrived in
Sandys and 2 Mr. Muller and breakfasted at the
Southern extremity of the Mountain and afterwards
descended to the foot of the 6th Regt. barracks
for the night - The frigates in the afternoon were
sent in capturing from a fine fine harbor
with Kipper some small vessels, supposed to have
just been brought into the country for provisions
from the friendly tribes - The Kaffirs are always better
as soon as they see the Frigates.

Remained early this morning in the same

6th

8th

9th

towards the Broomfield Pass - at the entrance of which
we halted to breakfast - and two or three hours
afterwards - Regt. arrived with 400 73. 3 Co. 6th Regt.
a lot of Ammunition, 2 Mr. & the Cape Corps and some Lewis
and Frigates - having during the last two days protected
the shore of the Amstel River and the only point
country - The place seems almost deserted - except
by very small parties, supposed to be Chiefs with
their retainers - they never showed fight but
retreated as soon as the troops came in their vicinity
A large vessel had been discovered near Fort Hope
and the Regt. started on having it surprised by
night, and ordered Major Stoddart and a detachment
of the 6th Regt. to start the water
This they did - unfortunately when close to the place
they found three chests which appeared to be Kaffirs
after a search - He rushed away leaving with
him of things behind him, two pieces - a number
of bags of loose powder & some other things which
with the boats were all destroyed -

We all returned to the Garrison after breakfast.
10th Stult in Camp to day - Kitchener's Division arrived
Monday. In afternoon - with the reconnaissance following
them - which was under the command of
at Whistler's Creek. We had a long account of them

he had after Sordelli - who succeeded in carrying
into a bush - Whistons & his Long Snags fired
several shots at him and they say he was at least
wounded - This house was all down and
at the end of the path they were exposed to a bullet -
- A kniffer was taken near the post. the death
in the act of attacking a house - He was immediately
taken to Capt. Rogers - who ordered him to be brought
down the canoe off a distance to a raft close by
and being up to a tree - passing by the spot
the next morning I saw the captives at the water
suspended - He was one of the men and I must
say I somewhat regretted his being deprived of
life - however this was the only way I believe - and
if we could kill a lot more it would be doing
great good

There were several to day by Rogers for a combined
movement of all his forces to commence on the
10th the various divisions are to be commenced
by Lt. Stephens 43. Rogers & Phillips 44. Major Bird
40th Capt. Campbell with 73. and Capt. Powers 73.
Campbell to work down the Sabon river with the
assault of the Fat White people - Phillips I fear
is to be near Bird's gun. There are several boats
of the Ametolon and a strong force at the Harbour
mouth - 4 Co's of the 43. started this morning, to get

five Waggon with supplies to the better place. The
company was among the main - He had 50 men
total off as a working party to cut a road where
necessary - as no Waggon had ever been put there -
When about 2 miles from the Rock one of the long
sawed and we sent back for more men to replace
it - as we found that would be impossible to procure
with the loads they were carrying - After this we got
on steadily, and we arrived at our Camp
ground about 2 o'clock - much earlier than we
expected having started about 8 o'clock in the
evening - We sent Rogers at the entrance to the Rock
at the head of a force of Cavalry - He had left them
Rocks after we started and went with George Hunter
to the - A large party of Foreigners had preceded him -
The latter joined our camp in the morning -
and Rogers & his party returned to the Rock - Only
four kniffrs were seen, a great number of boats were
destroyed - 3 houses were captured - A kniffer
being about 16 years of age gave himself up - he said
was not afraid to do so, as he was starving, and
this would be paid as back as being killed by our
people - he however is safe enough as he is not to
be hanged - He says that Hunter and all his kniffrs
are gone beyond the River - Most boat men are left
behind - There must be some truth in this, as the

best time we have here. When you first were killed,
the place was full of them, and they have always
considered this as one of their greatest strongholds.
He also told us that Sandhill was in the bush to-
wards this and the River Bush, with a few followers
and that about 20 of the white letters were in the same
direction. He said the Haffies were starving and being
driven off by us.

Everyone seems to think the war is at an end - &
that the present state must terminate the proceedings.
His conclusion is the former that the Haffies are
thoroughly subdued and will fight no more.
The things have lately constantly sent for him but
the reasonable answer is, give powder and
with your arms, and then will talk of peace.
The Governor seems very sanguine - The thing
he has been thinking will turn up anything has
to finish the business - and that is his giving
Col. Rye unlimited command in the territories
and authority to act as he chooses - If any man
can do the work he is the man - and I am
inclined to hope that this day month will see the
longed for decision has occurred -