





THE ZUID-AFRIKAAN.

CAPE TOWN, APRIL 21, 1851.

The comparative statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the first quarters of 1850 and 1851, published in the last number of the Gazette...

The reflections which these facts induce are clear, and proceeding from these, the question that offers itself is: are the administrators of the Government warranted to incur any expenses without a clear prospect of paying the same from the ordinary resources of the colony...

There is one other feature in this matter, with regard to which an observation may not be out of place. In every case where the public have applied to Government to incur expenses on account of public improvements...

With respect to the item of £14,000, appearing on the face of the account in question as having been transferred from the Guardians Fund, we must confess that it appears to us to be rather mysterious...

OFFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Various rumours relative to expected changes in the offices of the local departments have lately been current. It is rumoured that on the approaching retirement of Mr. Crozier from the office of Postmaster-General...

COLONIAL OFFICIALS. You may suppose that the democracy of the Colonies is accompanied by a perfect equality. It is so with the democracy of the United States...

MALIGNITY OF COLONIAL PARTY WARFARE. A colonist who meddles with public matters should have a skin of impenetrable thickness. Quietness of people who emigrate, though often the best qualified for public business, generally refuse to

meddle with it; they cannot endure the sacrifice to which any interference with it would expose them. But it is not the skin alone that suffers...

Original Correspondence.

Old Dronddy, Tulhugh, 7th April, 1851.

Str.—I have perused a letter in your bearing date 21st March 1851, and signed "Local Practitioner," intended as a reply to my announcement on a previous occasion of the death of my beloved infant.

The lame attempt which is made at justification, is so obvious to those who are acquainted with the circumstances of the case, that I should not have taken the slightest notice of the letter, were it not, that he has endeavoured to cast a slur upon my character...

This is not either the first or the second time, that the insinuations of this district have had reason to complain of Mr. French's whims and fits of obstinacy...

THE COMMERCIAL BANK. District of Worcester, 14th April, 1851. DEAR STR.—I am happy to say that the bank established at Worcester is doing well, and promising to be of great utility to the people of the district...

THE KAT RIVER SETTLEMENT. To the Editor of the "Commercial Advertiser." Alice, March 26, 1851.

Str.—Having addressed a letter to the Governor, and lodged my protest against the representations and resolutions of Major-General Somerset, in his despatch of Feb. 28, I deem it necessary in order to counteract and abate the erroneous impressions on the public mind...

ments went from Philpot? who furnished them? what were the discreditable deceptions practised? and by whom were they carried on?

He proceeds to say,—"On the morning of the 26th, I assembled the whole of the people, and in presence of their missionaries, Mr. Read, I explained to them my full perception of their conduct; that under such circumstances there was but one course for me to pursue, viz. to break up such a nest of traitors and rebels, and bring them all away, disarming every one."

There was, on the morning referred to, a considerable number of people suddenly collected, partly white, partly Mr. Thomson's; who in Mr. Thomson's presence and my own, the Major-General addressed in the excited and extraordinary manner he has described. I told him privately at the close of his address that it was a pity he had spoken as he did...

5. The Major-General goes on to say, "I found 17 wagons belonging to the rebels in the place, about one hundred women and children, and property to a great extent."

6. The Major-General adds,—"On the 27th I carried this measure into effect, moving every bullock off to Edward's Post, conveying away also the Rev. Missionaries resident at Philpot."

The strain of the document and the form of this remark would lead one to fancy that the Missionaries were a sort of captives. How stands the case? A strong representation was sent from those of the Kat River, and from the council of the Local Burgers' Association...

Why did he not act upon that information? Cobbs Fourie gave him a list of 100 loyal men at Philpot, whom he could answer for, a list to which on the day the Major-General entered Philpot, he referred him, and which he carried away with him...

With I could entertain an strong confidence as the Major-General that the Rebellion is broken. Had the third or fourth of the month been employed in securing the Millary property, but as every rebel would ere this have disappeared from it...

LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM HEAD-QUARTERS. Information from King Williams Town has come to hand up to Thursday last, the chief points of interest being the following:

Colonel Mackinnon had gone out towards the Poorts of the Buffalo with a patrol of 2,000 men.

Umhala, finding that Patu was determined to stand by the English, had suddenly veered round, and sent back a message by Krell's messengers, that he and Patu were one, and that his decision must be concurred in by him.

A train of nine traders' wagons, under the charge of Mr. John Usher had been attacked on their way to King Williams Town, and 18 oxen captured by the enemy. The wagons were not rifled. Another wagon had been waylaid near Mount Coke...

the command of Philman McTennis, a deserter from the Cape Corps, in which he was formerly sergeant. Corporal Dray was another of the party, together with thirteen other Hottentot soldiers, who lately deserted from the Cape Mounted Rifles at King Williams' Town.

This morning there was a demonstration made by the Burgher mounted force of Graham's Town, consisting of Stabbs' Rangers and the Farmers' Association. The muster gave a turn out of about 200 men, well horsed and armed...

SATURDAY, April 12.—The following account of the very gallant defence of a convoy of wagons by a party under command of Capt. W. Ayliff, came to hand last evening:—

On Saturday morning firing was heard in Fort Beaufort. From the sound it was concluded that there was some hard fighting about the Umxeko strain or Blis Station.

That about 20 wagons and 51 slaughter oxen were proceeding from Leewo Fontein to Alice, with an escort composed of Hottentots, Fingoes, and part of the English Levy, all under the command of Captain W. Ayliff.

On seeing which Captain Ayliff threatened them with instant death if they attempted to desert to the enemy, and the rebels then opened the hindmost wagon, and the balls passing about breast height, when the flight commenced the object of the rebels was the capture of the wagons and cattle...

It is not known what number of the enemy was killed, nor did they follow them, it being the business of the escort to protect the property; for with the trek oxen they had nearly 400 head of cattle, many of them exceedingly well, with wagons, besides the women and children.

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of the Ama-Galeka territory. There is, it appears, great excitement in Natal in consequence of this movement; but it should be known, in order to account for many extraordinary statements which are made there, that the Settlement at the present moment is split into divisions by bitter party spirit, and hence amidst the conflicting opinions advanced the difficulty of arriving at the truth.

(From the Friend of the Sovereignty, April 7.) The Troops belonging to this Garrison, under Major Donovan, are on the road, between Smithfield and Bloem Fontein, and are expected to reach the Queen's Fort, on Wednesday, or Thursday.

We omitted to mention in the proper place, that the practice of the guns under the direction of Lieut. Singer, of the Royal Artillery, when acting against Moore, on the 23rd instant, south of the Orange River, was most admirable.

A rumor has reached Bloem Fontein, that some Griquas had been endeavouring to pick a quarrel with the Farmers in the District of Coleberg, near the Orange River.

We are quite satisfied that no disturbance will take place with the consent of the chief Adam Kok; but we know there is, if not a war-party, at any rate a talking party, amongst the Griquas.

POSTSCRIPT. Monday Morning. (From the Frontier Times, 15 April.)

We beg to assure our readers that the following is neither a hoax, nor a squib, nor an extract from Punch—but it is a copy verbatim and literatim of his Excellency's "general order," describing the result of the patrol above referred to—Delirant reses plectuntur Achivi. There is no safety for the people but in themselves. They should pray for the Governor's removal:—

GENERAL ORDER. Head Quarters, King Williams' Town, 11th April 51.

The patrol which left King Williams' Town the 8th instant, under Colonel Mackinnon's command, and returned on the 10th, has most successfully executed the Commander in Chief's orders.

This force divided in two columns, 1st under Col. Mackinnon, the 2d under Lieut. Col. Eyre, closely searched the plains and banks of the Poorts of the Buffalo for the enemy, and his cattle, ascended the steep mountains of Murray's Krants and the Quille Quille, and afforded Sandilli and his adherents every opportunity of fighting for their escape and the patrol overcame every point in a manner in which the enemy's columns ascending the mountain on the 1st day Colonel Eyre's column ascending the mountain on the 1st day Colonel Eyre's column ascending the mountain on the 1st day...

Official information has been received that Seyool, Stock, and Tola's Kafirs, and some of Sandilli's, had crossed the Keiskamma drift on the night of the 11th, (last Friday), for the purpose of attacking the Fort Peddie Settlement.

We have information from Fort Hare up to yesterday. Horses and cattle were disappearing and Hottentots deserting. Yesterday the sittings of the court martial commenced.

The Reflector, bark, E. B. Manning, to Hull with cargo, &c., which sailed from Table Bay on the 6th April last, having sprung a leak at sea, was obliged to steer for St. Helena Bay, where she was put on shore.

Additional Arrivals.—April 19. Malabar, ship, 617 tons. P. Noakes, from London Feb. 15, to this port and Madras. Cargo sundries. Rutherford & Brother, Agents.

Phaizis, steamer, E. Harrington, from East London April 14, Algoa Bay April 16, M. S. Bay April 18, to this port.

20. Ariel, schooner, W. Pain, from Saldanha Bay.

£1 Reward. FLEW away or Stolen from the coop of the Undersigned the Dwelling, Yesterday (Sunday) towards evening, A GREY PARROT, with red tail. Whoever returns the same, will receive the above Reward.

21st April, 1851. J. D. OVERBEEK.

ERVEN FOR PRIVATE SALE. In the Town of Worcester.

The Undersigned offers for Private Sale, his 2nd Fertile Erven, situated in Blok R., of this Town, each containing a substantially built Dwelling House, and being planted with every variety of young Fruit Trees; and as they are situated in the centre of the Town and in the vicinity of the Rodekap, they are well adapted for business, which has been and is still carried on there.

THE Undersigned no longer requiring his Farm "Steenbramsrivier," situated beyond Sir Lowry's Pass, offers the same for sale by voluntary auction. It is known as one of the best Summer Cattle Farms in the Colony, measures 3600 morgen and is only 10 miles from Cape Town, or of the Undersigned at Great Constantia. J. P. CLOETE.

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