

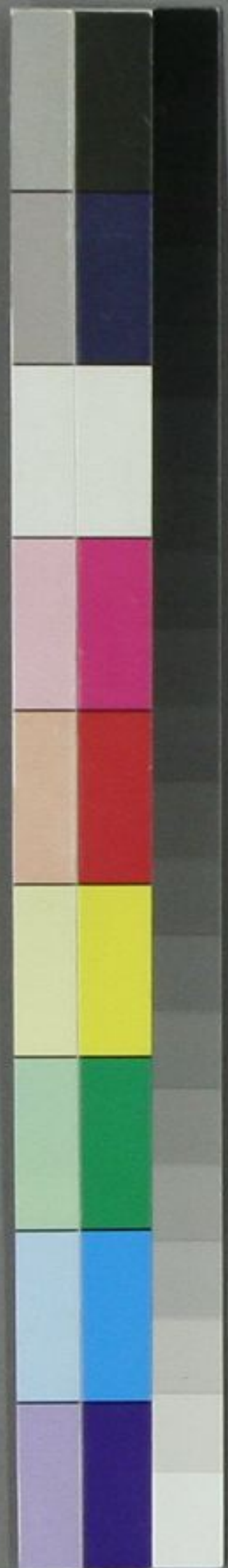
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Landing of the Troops from the
Ashantee Expedition

It was known throughout the town (Portsmouth) yesterday that by 9 o'clock the troops would be landed but some considerable time before that early hour the streets began to fill. The order of the military reception had been so often changed that it was not fairly known whether the General would receive the newcomers on the Governor's Green, or ride down to greet them as they left the ship. He chose the latter and thus all along the route from end to end the procession passed in most approved and perfect order. It was on Governor's Green that the crowd was largest. It was here that the Mayor and Corporation were to present their address; here the townspeople were to present their offering in the shape of a boat (to replace the one - a gift from the Queen herself) - which did; and it was here that the largest gathering of red coats was to be seen, and the fairest pomp and circumstance of a holiday war.

Admission to the grounds itself not an overlarge one, was obtained only by tickets, and by yesterday afternoon upwards of 2,000 had been issued. But on the slopes and ramparts behind swarmed a



vast multitude, who could see,
 (without spectacles) and from a
 better, if more distant vantage-
 ground, all that was to be seen,
 while every window and housetop
 of the square was thick with
 human faces. According to the
 original programme the troops
 were to have lined the streets
 all along the entire route, but this
 intention was abandoned, and
 with the exception of those especially
 detailed to form the escort, and
 some of the Royal Artillery, who
 lined the ramparts of the old
 fortifications, opposite the Sun
 Wharf Barracks, the detachments
 of the various regiments that
 had been selected to do honour
 to their victorious comrades
 were formed upon the Green, in
 this order:— On the right of the
 line were men from the 5th
 Company Royal Engineers; then
 came the 2nd Battalion 15th, the
 21st Battalion 18th, the 30th and
 the Army Service Corps; while
 on the extreme left were the
 Royal Marine Artillery and
 the Royal Marine Light Infantry.
 In front of the troops were
 grouped the Mayor & Corporation
 of Portsmouth in all their civic
 bravery, with the mace that Charles
 the second gave their City; while in

the centre stood the bands of the
 Royal Marine Light Infantry and
 Artillery, whose music might well
 have made the moments of waiting
 pleasant to a far less good-humoured
 audience than they had yesterday.
 Soldiers are proverbially punctual
 and shortly after 9 o'clock all eyes
 were turned anxiously in the direction
 of the High Street. Soon a mighty
 cheer goes up from the Dock yards,
 loud and long. It rises in the distance
 with a mighty swell, rolling onwards
 slowly, for the crowd is close on
 either side, and it is almost too
 much to expect them to remember
 orders at such a time as this;
 still it steadily advances from
 Portsea, under the old Quay Gate
 (grown young again with flags and
 flowers and laurel wreaths) up
 through the little old world streets
 of Portsmouth, till it culminates
 in one vast roar, which tells us
 waiting on the Green, that they
 we are looking for are now
 now at hand. Above the tossing
 sea of heads and handkerchiefs
 we can see the gleam of bayonets
 and the white plumes of the staff
 and then suddenly through the
 black mass seething round the
 Gateway there comes a gleam of
 scarlet, and they are here.

First ride two of the General's Staff

then march the 1st Battalion of the 4th, or King's Own Regiment, next follows their band, and then the General himself (Viscount Templeton) and the rest of the Staff. - Slowly they make their way to the head of the Green. Amidst the vast black crowd, the little thin grey line winds its way. - First the Royal Artillery, a mere handful of men, who are blue coated, as we know them to be, but with the pith helmets of our Indian Army, so too are the Artillery and Marines who bring up the rear. In the midst march the Welch Fusiliers, in grey coats and trousers, brown gaiters, and pith helmets. - All form in line opposite the troops, who as the Colours of the 23rd are flung out to the breeze bring their arms up to the "present" with a crash of steel that finds an answer from the crowd in a deep murmur, hardly rising to a cheer, for the time of cheering is not yet come. - And now Lord Templeton, riding out in advance of his Staff, raises his plumed hat from his head. There is no need to ask what he says. Every man, woman, and child knows what they have to do. What the number of persons present may have been we cannot say, but the cheer that rings out now rises as if but from one throat.

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From the level of the surface of the
Green, from the streets outside, from
every roof and window, from the
ramparts, there comes a great
burst of welcome. Then when
the cheering is over, the Mayor
and Corporation step to the front
and in a few, well-chosen, words
welcome their country men home;
bringing forwards at the same time
the goat, made beautiful with
gilded horns, and many coloured
ribands. Short and soldier-like
is Colonel Rosslyn's reply. In the
course of nature, as he says, his
regiment will lose the goat, but
they never can forget the kindly
feeling the people of Portsmouth
showed them this day. Then more
cheers - cheers such as Englishmen
can give - for the Queen, and the
ceremony is over.

To let all the town know what
they had come out for to see, it
was arranged that the troops
should march off the ground
by another route, debouch into
the High Street at the extreme
end and march up through its
entire length. And a beautiful
sight it was. Above the many-
coloured roof of flags, waving
to and fro, below the glittering
line of steel, slowly winding on
through the struggling shouting mass,

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on either side the handkerchiefs
outflattering the flags; and every-
where the Cheers out-thundering the
loudest thunder of the bands -
it was a noble sight indeed, and
a noble welcome, worthy of the
people who gave it, as of the men
to whom it was given. Within
the Railway Station the arrangements
were as perfect as they had been
elsewhere through-out the morning.
By the kind forethought of the
Corporation a simple lunch of
bread and cheese and beer
had been provided for the men.
As may be imagined it was not
long before this disappeared, and
then, by magic as it seemed,
each carriage was filled with
its proper complement of
passengers; and the business of
the day was over.

An special command from
Her Majesty has been received
by Lord Templeton to
forward to her, immediately on the
arrival of each ship a full list
of the sick and wounded on
board, and particulars of their
condition.

We are authorised to state that
the Lord Mayor of London proposes,
unless it should be found contrary
to military etiquette, to invite
Major-General Sir Garnet Wolseley

and the whole of the Officers who
have taken part under him in
the recent campaign on the
Gold Coast, to a grand banquet
in the Egyptian Hall of the
Mansion-house soon after their
return to England.

The Ashantee Expedition

The following is an official statement based upon information already received, and showing the services to which the sum of £900,000 required for the Ashantee Expedition will in all probability be applicable, -

1. Army. - Warlike stores £50,000; provisions and forage £100,000; clothing £34,000; medicines & surgical instruments £4,000; field allowances £9,000; carriers and labourers £40,000 pay and staff allowances £4,000 extra pay and allowances £31,000
Total, £257,000
2. Navy. - Naval stores, Coals £48,000
Transport of troops £310,000
Miscellaneous £3,000; Total
£361,000
3. Captain Glover's Expedition. - stores advanced by the War Office £53,000; transport and charges incurred by the £21,000
Captain Glover - pay of men and miscellaneous charges £67,000; charges incurred by Crown agents, including cost of steamer £21,000; Total £162,000
4. Contingencies £120,000. Grand total £900,000.

Note. This statement is, of course, only approximative, and subject to modification in detail.

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