

did not need him. This was their idea, and it is principally the reason why the Pasha seemed to be hemmed in so rigorously. The loyalty of the Pasha to his men becomes apparent, though they have been disloyal to him. He could not cast them off, because it would be their ruin, neither could he venture away from them alone. One of his officers, Shukri Aga, constantly loyal to him, related to me a story, which, when repeated by me to Emin Pasha was confirmed by him. The Pasha would never have told it himself.

"A few months ago one hundred and ninety rifles of the 1st Battalion set out for Wadelai, where Emin Pasha resided, with the intention of capturing him and compelling him to remain with them, as a rumour current that an expedition was advancing from the south and west had become confused in their minds with the intended flight of their General. Convinced that their safe departure out of the region where they had seen so much trouble lay in the Pasha's presence and leadership, they had conceived the idea of arresting him, and taking him with them to Dufflé, for, said they, 'We know of only one road, and that leads down the Nile by Khartoum.' The Pasha, suddenly informed of their intention of capturing him, cried out, 'Well, let them kill me. I am not afraid of death, let them come, I will await them.' But the officers of the 2nd Battalion implored him in urgent terms to make his escape, arguing that the violent capture of their Pasha would put an end to all government, and that it was but the first step to the total subversion of discipline. For some time he refused to listen to them, but finally escaped to Mswa (about forty-five miles from our camp at N'sabé). Soon after his departure the detachment of the 1st Battalion came up, and after surrounding the station, summoned the Pasha to come