

the appointments of Assistant-Adjutant-General and Deputy-Adjutant-General to the forces in India, and amply did he fulfil this gallant Highland officer's expectations. It will be remembered that Sir Colin had a command under Lord Gough in the Punjab. In the language of Lord Sandhurst: "At the very worst crisis of the rebellion he (Captain Evans) had to bear the burden of more than one staff officer in Calcutta, at a time when our affairs were so dislocated and duty so largely increased by the crisis, that everyone was overworked," and Lord Longford adds that these arduous duties were performed "at all times and in all weathers, regardless of personal inconvenience and exposure to climate." Referring to these dark days when the English world dreaded the opening of the despatches from India, Colonel Brown, commanding this same 24th Regiment, in a letter to Lord Clyde, bears testimony that "no officer could have been found more zealous or more fitted for the appointment."

When, at length, Captain Evans was constrained to return to England in 1860 on sick leave, the garrison orders contained the following sentence: "The Brigadier commanding requests that Captain Evans will accept his thanks for the valuable aid he has at all times afforded him. He has esteemed himself fortunate in being assisted by an officer so perfectly well acquainted with his duties, and so active, intelligent and zealous in the performance of them."

Major Evans was A.D.C. to General Brown at Aldershot in September 1861. He joined the 16th Regiment on its being ordered on active service to Nova Scotia in the December of that year—when the "Trent" war cloud obscured the military horizon—and proceeding with this Regt. to Halifax, he was appointed Deputy-Assistant-Quarter-Master-General.