

A proposition concerning the long-talked-of loan for the service of Canada has issued from the Treasury Chambers. It is intended to raise a portion of the sum authorized by Parliament, namely, a million and a half sterling, forthwith, by an emission of debentures. Government undertakes to guarantee the payment of interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, the price of the debentures being determinable by tender. The moment chosen for the operation seems favourable, and there can be little doubt of its speedy accomplishment on easy terms, but, for the present, no more than £300,000, or a fifth of the amount authorised, will be negotiated. The Bank of England will be charged with the management of the payments.—*Lon. Mor. Post.*

RELEASE OF THE AFGHANISTAN PRISONERS.

On the 25th of August, when General Pollock's advance was made known at Cabul, the whole of the prisoners, soldiers as well as officers and ladies, with the exception of those mentioned as having remained at Cabul, were despatched to Bameean under an escort of infantry. By the way, offers of a lac of rupees were made to the commander of the party to desert with them to General Nott's force, which was known to be near Ghuznee. The danger was, however, apparently too great, or the chance of success too small, for the Afghans to listen to the proposal, and the party reached Bameean in safety, but in dreadful anxiety as to their eventual fate, Akhbar Khan having openly threatened all with slavery in Turkistan in the event of the British troops moving on the capital. The news of the fall of Ghuznee reached the sufferers on the 10th September, and must have had a great effect on the chief with whom they were.

The commandant who had accompanied them from Cabul requested a conference, and laying before them an order from Akhbar Khan for their instant march to Kholoom, informed them that he had been assured of 20,000 rupees and 1,000 rupees per month as a pension, if he would take them into Cabul. This was instantly guaranteed by the officers acting as a committee for all the ladies and officers there; and a paper was signed by all pledging themselves to the payment. Having committed himself irrevocably with Akhbar Khan, the commandant Sebah Mahomed hoisted his own flag on the fort, levied a contribution on a cafile from Turkistan to pay his men, deposed the Governor of the place, who was lukewarm in his cause, and set about preparations for defence of the post, in case Akhbar Khan, defeated at Cabul, should come to Bameean.

The officers and ladies were in one fort, and the soldiers in another, and on the 15th, the chiefs in the neighborhood having given every assistance and tendered allegiance, meanwhile, some of the officers went into the soldier's fort and commenced its repair for defence. That day, however, came the joyful news of Akhbar Khan's defeat at Tezeen, and with one accord the whole party determined on taking advantage of the panic and forcing their way to Cabul.

On the next day Bameean was ten miles behind, all being well and in high spirits; the next, a mountain ridge 13,000 feet high was crossed, and near the village of Karzar the gallant party was met by Sir Richmond Shakespeare and his cavalry, and were safe.—What a meeting of joy must that have been! What a ringing off for ever of weary despair and hopelessness of deliverance!

Two days after that their glad eyes rested once more on the British uniform and colors, and Sir Robt. Sale, with a thousand cavalry and a thousand infantry and two guns, had insured their freedom. Though Sultan Jan's force had hovered near Sir Richmond and his party, they had not dared to attack it, and Sir Robert Sale's advance precluded any possibility of an attempt on it. On the 21st, therefore, under welcome of one of the most joyous royal salutes that ever was fired, the captives entered Gen. Pollock's camp, and once more breathed the air of freedom. Of all, therefore, in the hands of the chiefs, Col. Stoddard, Capt. Connolly and Capt. Bygrave, only remain, the two first at Bokhara, the latter with Akhbar Khan. What steps may be taken to recover these unfortunate gentlemen, it is impossible to say, but there are hopes that the influence of Akhbar Khan being reduced, the ruler of Bokhara may be induced to deliver them up from the long captivity they have endured, which otherwise would appear to be endless.

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