

only assist. The principle therein enunciated is certainly a principle to be aimed at.

3552. The necessity for the distribution of our force in the last few years is much altered. I should accumulate all the forces that it is possible to accumulate at home, and keep as few men as possible in the colonies.

5.—*Extracts taken from the Evidence given by GENERAL SIR JOHN BURGOYNE, Inspector General of Fortifications, showing inefficiency of our present System.*

1254. We ought to maintain in strength, besides Mediterranean garrisons, principally Mauritius, Bermuda (1,339), Kingston, Quebec, and Halifax; and secondarily, the Cape, Ceylon, Hong-Kong, and St. Helena; and for coaling stations (1,254), Aden, Seychelles, and the Falkland Islands.

1255. There are works at all these stations now, but most of them are quite incomplete and inefficient.

1256. The estimated cost of works at Mauritius is 202,000*l.*, but the advance of military science will require great additions. The whole islands should be surrounded with forts (1,257, 1,264), of which necessarily the erection and defence must be at the cost of the Imperial Exchequer.

1275. About 6,000 troops would be necessary to defend the island.

1313. 26,000*l.* has been voted for a citadel at Halifax. This vote was on a calculation made twenty years ago, and is not sufficient.

1319 and 1379. Those places which have large British population should organize a volunteer defence.

1320. They should protect themselves.

1336. The presence of British troops discourages local efforts for defence.

1330, 1351. If the colonists are indifferent, our garrison could not defend Halifax or Canada.

1409-10. The coal mines of Cape Breton require defence against a possible enemy's cruiser, which defence should devolve on the colonists.

1410, 1412. The miners have formed a volunteer corps of 200 or 300 among themselves.

1459. 20,000*l.* is estimated to be necessary for improving the defences of St. Helena.

1472. We ought to have 5,000 or 6,000 men to defend Cape Town. There are only 81 at present defending that whole district.

1471. The troops are up the country.