MEINS FALLIUST.

MARINE FALLIU

# THE ENGLISH MAI

Interesting Summary of N

The Zulu war.

The Zulu disaster continues to excite versal interest, and the papers are fudetails, comments and suggestions correspondents who have had experien South African affairs.

Lord Napier of Magdala has arrive London. His Lordship drove at one the War Office, where a Council of Gen was assembled. The Council represe all branches of the service, and there present amongst others Admiral W Mends, General Campbell, Commiss General Wath, and General Radeliffe, I The Central News says that the arr of Lord Napier was net generally experim England, and the announcement was ceived with considerable interest in tary circles. It is reported in military circles. It is reported in military circles. ceived with considerable interest in a tary circles. It is reported in milicircles that Lord Napier will be appoint to the supreme command in South Af and this is, however, authoritatively deby the Times paragraph.

The further official correspondence tween Sir Bartle Frere, Lord Chelms and the Home Government on the affai Natal comes most opportunely at the sent moment. It throws the clearest on the circumstances and causes which

on the circumstances and causes which eventually to hostilities.

The London correspondent of the Britan and the state of the Britan and the Bri Mercury, says the correspondent of the B. Mercury, says the correspondent has a revolution in public opinion sing as it does that the Govern was opposed to war, and instead Sir Bartle Frere not to enter hostilities on any account. They also sisted appeals for the despatch of troops, and are thus exonerated from the are of an agreesive policy. harge of an aggressive policy. The s that Sir Bartle Frere will be recalled the Cape very probably before a mont elapsed. His conduct in plunging into in spite of the urgent remonstrances out by Sir M. Hicks-Beach, has place Government in a somewhat awkwar lemma. (The Bristol Mercury is an 0 stion paper.) Of this there can b doubt whatever, that the Government the last people in the world to seek war in Africa. So far from wishing it, naturally feel that it has been to the great winterests.

great misfortune.

The departure of the 3d battalion Rifles from Gravesend was made the sion of a demonstration, which proved clusively how warmly popular feeling engaged on the side of the expedition, how thoroughly its object is approved, their march through the town the transfer of the expedition of the expedition. their march through the town the twere crowded in upon by thousan civilians of all classes eager to shake I with them and wish them Godspeed. covered structure of the town pier crowded with an immense number of I and gentlemen, by whom the depa soldiers were heartily welcomed and v ly cheered, an attention which they recated with the highest good humou good spirits. As the tugboat convithem to the Dublin Castle left the p shout of farewell and goodwill arose v few who beard it are ever likely to follow the strain of the strain o It was a stirring scene. VINEYARDS IN THE WEST OF ENGLA

Despite the fun poked at him the quis of Bute perseveres with his e ment of vine-growing on his ground Costell Coch, near Cardiff. The v Costell Coch, near Cardiff. The vi of the first year was a failure, but a s visit paid by his lordship's gardener vine districts of France resulted in alterations, which made the next gr more successful. The wine then pro-was described as of that kind of Burg-which requires two men to hold the dr The vintage has, however, gone on in-ing until the present result is some equivalent to a fair quality of Burgequivalent to a fair quality of Burg No estimate has yet, however, been of the probable cost. The vineya situated upon a slope protected fro north and east winds by the heights which Costell Coch stands. From ancient castle, now in process of re-tion, a fine view of the Bristol Cl and the Somersetshire coast, is obt and the Somersetshire coast is obtained the Somersetshire coast is obtained to the said to have been connected subterranean passage with Cardiff C. It has been for some years in process

A question of the highest importan A question of the highest importation the mercantile community has just before the Judge of the Huddersfield C Court. The London and Yorkshire held bills of exchange representing £1 which had been endorsed to them customer against advances to the amo about £18,000. The customer failed the trustee of the estate claimed the bills, which had not been discounted, be handed over to him for the bend the general body of creditors, and the tee moved accordingly. The County Judge had to decide whether bills pe discount were "securities" within discount were "securities" within meaning of the Bankruptcy Act of On this point his Honour said:—"imagine many good reasons why m secured by bills of exchange ought divisible among the general body of tors, but then, on the other hand, bi tors, but then, on the other hand, hi exchange are the great medium of comn and are much favoured by the law if a holder of such securities were liat the bankruptcy of the endorser to dithem up, such a risk could not fail the pair the value of these securities. Be as it may, in the absence of any auth the other way, I feel bound to hold bills of exchange held pending discount such securities as the Bankruptcy requires the holder to value or delive and I must therefore refuse this may with costs."

THE CRISIS IN VICTORIA. Mr. Graham Berry, the Chief Sec and Premier of Victoria, arrived in L on Saturday night from Australia, h come home in company with his coll Mr. Pearson, M.L.A., on a special n to the British Government in conn with the constitutional difficulties in

with the constitutional difficulties in solony.

JUVENILE SMOKING.

In reply to a letter addressed to hi Mr. W. H. Harris, of Birmingham, him to aim at legislative action a smoking by juveniles, Mr. John says:—"I don't think the law you is mend would receive support in the of Commons. We have rather too laws already, and I prefer to leave evils as you refer to to parental super and to public opinion, and to the effe better education among the will be found to deny, but whether proper subject for legislative action question which is not likely to meet general assent. Mr. Bright rightly fers to leave such evils to parental vision and to the effects of better tion among the working classes. Why the working classes? The chelonging to this section of the commare not the only offenders. Even the careless observer of juvenile life of streets and in public resorts cannot mark many juveniles belonging middle and apper classes as being guithe practice of smoking. In Geboys under sixteen years of age as hidden by law to smoke; but we such a legal enactment, either in Geor elsewhere, is sufficient to check its more than doubtful. Mr. Bright we have had quite enough grandm legislation, and it is hoped that he try to educate his party to share belief.

The army estimates for the ochow a total of £15,645,700, b ecrease of £2,145,600. Last yes nates were exceeded by £2,195,50 upon supplementary estimates. A pared with the actual army expend 1877-8, there is an estimated deer half a million. The total numbers of the latest returns, and including tives of all ranks, are as follows: