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The following Correspondence with reference to the services of the Volunteer Corps in connection with the occupation of the New Territory, is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1899.

*From the General Officer Commanding in China and Hongkong,
To His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, &c., &c.*

HONGKONG, 11th December, 1899.

SIR,

I have much pleasure in transmitting to you for your information the enclosed copy of a letter from the War Office respecting the recent services rendered by the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. J. GASCOIGNE,
*Major-General,
Commanding in China and Hongkong.*

(Enclosure.)

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WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,
9th November, 1899.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to inform you that a report has been received from the Colonial Office respecting the occupation of the New Territory near Kowloon, in China, and I am to express Lord LANSDOWNE's satisfaction with the promptness and alacrity displayed by the Hongkong Volunteers on that occasion.

Lord LANSDOWNE wishes this expression of his appreciation of the services rendered by the Corps conveyed to those concerned.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) . LESLIE RUNDLE, D.A.G.

*The General Officer Commanding
in China and Hongkong,
HONGKONG.*

Certified true copy,

N. V. O'GORMAN,
*Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer, Hongkong.*

Hongkong, 11th December, 1899.