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where it truly lyes, viz. in the fauor of God, in knowinge him, or rather in beinge known of him; if your heart bee truly heere you cañott miscarie. I am sorrie you gaue mee not one word about Leif^{nt} Coll: Brafeilds businesse. I did see my L^t Broghill's account therof, it was as faire, as I beleieue the businesse would beare, but yett, though Hee sollicitated a tryall Hee should not haue had itt. I would not haue putt him upon men, or I would haue after restored him, I would not beleieue 2 carnall men, against one such protestinge ìnocency, [minde this⁹] it beinge in a case concerninge my selfe, where it is in my power to pardon wthout iniustice.

I am afraid you haue erred in this, if you [minde this allsoe⁹] can I pray you, giue a remidee for my sake, and lett the poore man bee handsomely restored. My loue to your wife and children I rest

Your louinge Father

OLIUER P.

Octo^b the 13th 1657.

THE DISPOSITION OF TROOPS IN LONDON, MARCH 1815.

ON 17 Feb. 1815 Mr. Frederick Robinson, Vice-President of the Board of Trade, afterwards Viscount Goderich and Earl of Ripon, brought forward in the House of Commons four resolutions on the corn laws, the most important resolution being one to exclude foreign corn till the home price reached 80s. a quarter. By the time that the bill embodying the resolutions came up for second reading (Friday, 3 March) the feeling against the change, especially in the manufacturing districts and in the city of London, had led to petitions on a great scale, and also to riots. During the debate on the bill on Monday, 6 May, a mob assembled at the doors of the house, and the magistrates, at the request of the Speaker,¹ took steps to procure the protection of a military force. Driven from the house the mob attacked the private residences of Lord Eldon, Mr. Robinson, Lord Darnley, Mr. Yorke, Lord Ellenborough, Mr. Wellesley Pole, and Mr. Brown, tax-gatherer. The only loss of life seems to have been on the following day (7th), when a person, said to have been a naval officer, was shot by the soldiers on duty in Mr. Robinson's house. On the 7th the crowd, about fifty in number, perambulated St. James's, Berkeley Square, Portland Place, Finsbury Square, ending with the House of Commons. On the 8th Mr. Ponsonby's house was attacked; but the cavalry appeared, and the mob contented themselves with breaking Lord Derby's railings, and stoning the windows of Mr. Morris, an East India director, in Baker Street, of Mr. Meux, the brewer, Serjeant Best, and the *Morning Herald*. Sir Joseph Banks, in Soho Square, had

⁹ The words enclosed within brackets are inserted between the lines in another hand.

¹ Hansard, *sub dato*, p. 31.

his parlour looted. On the 9th Mr. Giddy received their attentions, but the riots were really at an end.

The military were in great numbers, particularly the horse; and at the several houses belonging to the members who had supported the Corn Bill foot soldiers were stationed. In fact, London was now environed with troops on all sides.²

The following list, describing the arrangements made for the protection of different parts of London, is contained in an oblong memorandum book, 7¼ inches long by 4¾ broad, of cartridge paper interleaved with grey blotting-paper, bound in brown leather, with remains of clasps. The two last blank sheets have been torn off; otherwise the book is intact. It was bought at a second-hand book-seller's in London in 1898. The spelling of the manuscript has been preserved.

JAMES BONAR.

Q^R M^R GEN^{LS} OFFICE, MARCH 1815.

Orders &c. given in consequence of the disturbances in London.

COPY.

No movement will take place from the Horse Guards at 4 o'Clock as ordered.—

The old and new Guards will remain there till further orders.

L^D UXBRIDGE L. Gen^l.

March 8th 1815 2 o'Clock P.M.

COPY.

March 8th 1815 2 o'Clock P.M.

Instead of the 16th L^t D^{ns} at Pimlico moving off at 4 o'Clock, it will not move until a requisition is made by a Civil Magistrate when he [*sic*] will march by Petty France Deans Yard—College Street—Abingdon St. Horse Guards and Halt.

L^D UXBRIDGE L. Gn^l.

MEM.

A Serjeant and twelve at the Chancellors—mounted in Bedford Sq^r at 6—to be releived at night.

M. Gen^l Sir H. VIVIAN.

The attention of L^t Gen^l Barton is particularly called to the Houses of the Persons named within.

Frequent and occasionally strong patrols should be made chiefly about Portland place—Mansfield Street—Margaret Street—Cavendish Sq^r—Wimpole Street.

The earliest intelligence of the movements of the Mob to be obtained by Spies when the extra patrols begin—they may be discontinued when all is quiet.

Sig^d UXBRIDGE L'Gn.

² *Ann. Reg., Chron.*, p. 25. See *Life of Lord Eldon*, ii. 260–5; Birkbeck Hill's *Autographs*, p. 29; Hansard and *Ann. Register*, sub datis.

LIST—8th March 1815.

Mr B. Bathurst	New Burlington Street
Lord Bining	Chesterfield Street
Lord Castlereagh	St James Sq ^r
Mr Croker	Admiralty
Hon ^{ble} Mr Elliott	34 old Burlington Str.
Sir W. Garrow	27 Great George Street
Mr Huskisson	Hertford Street
R. Hon ^{ble} C. Long	Pay office Whitehall
Sir H. Parnel	24 Park Street, Westm ^r
R ^t Hon ^{ble} W. W. Pole	Saville row
Hon ^{ble} F. Robinson	26 old Burlington Str.
Sir W. Scott	Grafton Street
Mr Vansittart	Downing Street
Mr Yorke	28 Bruton Street
Mr Weston	24 Half Moon Street
Lord Eldon	Bedford Square
Lord Harrowby	Grosvenor Sq ^r
Lord Harewood	Harewood place
Lord Westmoreland	Grosvenor Square
Lord Bathurst	Mansfield Street
Lord Musgrove	Harley Street
Lord Liverpool	White hall
Lord Sidmouth	New Street—Spring Gardens
Lord Melville	Admiralty
Lord Buckinghamshire	Hamilton place
Lord Ellenborough	St James's Sq ^r
Lord Hardwicke	St James's Sq ^r
Lord Derby	Grosvenor Square
Lord Lauderdale	[Blank]
Mr D. Giddy	Holles Street
Lord Grantham	St. James' Square
Mr Ponsonby	Curzon Street
Sir J. Newport	Bury Street
Mr Peel	Stanhope Street
Mr Rose	old Palace Yard
Lord Le Despencer	18 Hanover Square
Mr Sullivan	79 Harley Str. corner of Wigmore Street

J C.

Horse Guards 7th March 1815.

L^t Gen^l the Earl of Uxbridge having been appointed to the Command of the Troops in and about London the following orders are to be attended to.

The following arrangements respecting the Patroles of Cavalry in the Metropolis will take place till further orders—

Stations	Patroles	Stations	Patroles
Horse Guards 1. Life Guards	{ To patrole between the Kings Mews & Westminster Br. to the obelisk St Georges Fields. Along Pall Mall St James Street to the right along Piccadilly, down the Hay Market and back to the Kings Mews.	Barrs King Street 2 nd Life Guards	2 ^d Into and along Oxford R ^d . Tottenham Court R ^d Russel Str. Bedford Sq. back thro Bedford Sq ^r Percy Str. —Cavendish & Manchester Sqrs. and back. 3 ^d to the Artillery Depot at Paddington and back.
The Kings Mews 10 th Hussars			
Queens Riding House at Pimlico 16 th Dragoons	thro' Petit France by Westminster Abbey to the H. Guards & back. 1 st along Piccadilly to the top of St James' Street—and back.	Grays Inn Lane L ^t Horse Volunteers	{ To Lincolns Inn Fields to communicate with the Patroles of the 10 th Hussars at Well close Square and towards Fleet Street if required. To Patrole through Moor Fields down Bishopgate Street over London Bridge High Str. in the Borough to the Obelisk St Georges Fields and back.
Knightsbridge 1 st Life Guards	2 nd along Park Lane down Stanhope Str. Curzon Street—Queen Street — Berkley Sq. and back. 1 st thro' Portman Sq ^r Oxford Str. S. Audley Str. Grosvenor Sq ^r Mount St. Berkley Sq ^r & back.		

A new Patrole from each of these Stations is to be in readiness to move off when the old one comes in, and the Patrole to commence immediately on the receipt of this order—

Reports of any thing extraordinary will be immediately sent to the Earl of Uxbridge at Uxbridge House, and the Adjutant General at the Horse Guards.—

If nothing extraordinary occurs—reports from all these Stations will be sent so as to arrive at the Horse Guards for Lord Uxbridge by 10 oClock every Morning until further orders.

Such parts of Regiments as are not immediately within the Duties assigned to the above Stations will be held in readiness to turn out at the shortest notice

Officers in Command of Regiments and Stations will make themselves acquainted with the Station of the nearest Magistrate, and will act only under the orders of the Civil power

Officers Commanding Regiments will attend L^t Gen^l Lord Uxbridge, at the Quarter Master Gen^{ls} office—Horse Guards, to morrow Morning, at ½ past 10 oClock.

Adjutants of Corps will attend at the same office at 11 oClock for orders.

Horse Guards 8th March 1815.

ORDERS.

L^t Gen^l Barton will have the goodness to take charge of the Brigade of Household Troops and heavy Cavalry. That part of the City of Westminster, from Westm^r Bridge, and round by the Queens Palace, Park

Lane, Edgeware Road, the new Road down Tottenham Court Road—Drury Lane and into the Strand opposite Somerset house will be immediately under his charge.—

All Reports from the Stations within their Lines will be made direct to him and He will make a general one to L^t Gen^l the E of Uxbridge.

M Gen^l Vivian will take charge of the Light Cavalry and will consider that part of the City of Westminster not before named—the City of London—and the Borough of Southwark as under his immediate care.—

All Reports from officers Commanding Regiments of L^t Cavalry and Hussars will be made direct to him.

Foot Guards and Infantry will be under the Command of, and Report to Colonel Hill of the Guards.

All ordinary Reports to be sent into [*sic*] the Earl of Uxbridge at the Q. M. Gen^{ls} office at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 every day, and the Adjutants will attend at 12 at the same place for orders.

L. Colonel J. Campbell will act as Ass^t Adj. General to the Forces in and about London under the Command of L^t Gen^l the E. of Uxbridge.

8th March 1815

MEMORANDUM.

The officers Commanding Corps and Detachments to ascertain what Public Houses are most eligible from whence the Men could be fed, & then arrangements should be made so that the Men should go to those places only.—

This will apply to the Troops only stationed at Posts and Stations.—viz^t Queens Riding House Kings Mews—Grosvenor Gate riding House Worship Street riding House and Posts of a similar description.

DISTRICT ORDERS.

H. Guards 9th March 1815.

A Picket from each Regim^t of Cavalry, of one third of its strength will mount every afternoon at 4 o'Clock these will furnish all Patroles and L^t Gn^l the Earl of Uxbridge directs that no larger proportion may be employed except in cases of absolute necessity.

His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief having notified the intention of Government to make an allowance of nine pence per diem to those Corps who from local circumstances are deprived of the usual advantages of Quarters and Barracks and do not receive Camp allowances, and likewise such a proportion of the other Troops as are employed in night Patroles and Pickets,

The Earl of Uxbridge directs that correct Accounts be kept of these Men, and that the allowance may be paid to them in money when going on duty.

Should it be found necessary at any time to strengthen the Pickets before ordered, such Men as are actually paraded and march off will also be entitled to the allowance of nine pence per diem.

The Money will be drawn for the Pickets by the Pay Masters of Regiments under the authority of vouchers sign'd by the officers Commanding each Regiment & the General Commanding the Brigade.

The different Corps will Patrole the Districts allotted to them as before.—

The Guard at the Riding School in Swallow Street will be furnished in the proportion of two Non Comm^d officers and eight Men from the Cavalry under the Command of L^t Gen^l Barton, and four Non-Comm^d officers and 26 Men from the Cavalry under the Command of M. Gen^l Sir Hussey Vivian.

Signed J. CAMPBELL
L^t Colo. & A. A. Gen.

Horse Guards 10th March 1815

GENERAL ORDERS.

The 5th Regiment will be under the Command of Colonel Hill.

A Picket of 1 Captⁿ 2 Sub. 2 Serjeants and 50 R. & F. will be furnished by the 5th Regiment for the Artillery Depot at Paddington.

A Picket of 3 Non Comm^d officers, and 18 Privates from the Life Guards—and a Picket of 4 Non Comm^d officers and 30 Privates from the Guards at the Tilt Yard to parade at Sun set at the Horse Guards, where they will receive further orders.

Officers Commanding Brigades will take care that there is in possession of each Regiment 25 rounds of ammunition p^r Man. Of these 5 rounds must be in possession of the Man, and frequent inspections must be made, in order to see, that it is not damaged or destroyed.

A Report similar to the following is to be sent into [*sic*] L^t Colonel Sir J. Campbell Ass. Adj^t General every day at Noon.—

The Brigade Majors will for the future assemble at the Horse Guards, at 1 oClock P.M.

Signed J. CAMPBELL
A. A. Gen^l.

[*In pencil*] Query orders.

10th March 1815.

An officer—3 Non-Comm^d officers, and 18 Privates of the Horse Guards to mount every day at 4 oClock at the Horse Guards, and are to be put under the direction of Sir N. Conant exclusively.

This Picket is in addition to the duties.—

Signed J. CAMPBELL,
L^t Colo. A. A. Gen^l.

10th March 1815.

MEMO.

Two Apartments of The Quarter Master Generals office having been given up for the use of L^t General the Earl of Uxbridge it is requested, that the Brigade Majors—A de Camps as well as the Adjutants may assemble in Colonel Marlays Room—they will be sent for from thence if required.

Signed J. CAMPBELL
L^t Col. A. A. Gen.

11th March 1815.

MEMO.

Reports must be sent in strictly at 11 A.M.

As the wooden Sheds and Cooking places near Cumberland Gate in

Hyde Park will be completed this evening, they will be occupied by a picket of 20 Men of the 5th Foot this night, and by the remainder of the Detach^t of that Regiment (now in Quarters at Paddington) at day break tomorrow morn^g.

Three of these Buildings will be allotted for the Men and the fourth is to be reserv'd for the use of the officers.

A clear space is to be preserved round the buildings by means of picquet ropes & poles—which as well as all other necessary articles of Camp Equipage will be supplied by the Store Keeper General on the requisition of the Comm^g officer.

Straw, fuel &c. will be furnished by the Commissariat.

This Regiment will still furnish the picquet for the Artillery Depot at Paddington.

Picquets of the Life Guards and of the Foot Guards of the same strength as those order'd for last night will until further orders parade every evening at Sun set & receive orders, the one from the Captain of the Kings Guards at the Horse Guards, and the other from the Captain of the Kings Guard of the Foot Guards.

The Detachment which is to act under the sole direction of Sir N. Conant will be taken from the ordinary Kings Guard of the Life Guards without strengthening it for that purpose.—

J. CAMPBELL, L^t Colo. A. A. Gen.

Horse Guards March 12 1815.

ORDER.

The 2nd Battⁿ of the 5 Foot will form a station subject to the application of the Magistrates for assistance.

They will furnish their proportion as the other Regiments for Duty.—

JOHN CAMPBELL, A. A. Gen^l.

[*In a different hand*]

Horse Guards, 13th March 1815.

ORDER.

The Details as usual.

JOHN CAMPBELL, A. A. G.

Horse Guards 14th March 1815.

D. ORDERS.

The Details as usual. A Detachment of the 18th Hussars of about 89 Men and Horses will march from Islington &c. into Barracks in the City Road near Nelson Street on the 15th Inst.

Signed JOHN CAMPBELL

A. A. G.

Horse Guards 15th March 1815.

DIST. ORDERS.

The Details as usual—Major Campbell having been appointed Ass^t Adj^t General by Lieut. General The Earl of Uxbridge, in the room of Lieut. Col. Sir John Campbell K. T. S.³ all reports will be made to him accordingly.

W^M CAMPBELL, Major.

³ Knight of the Portuguese order of the Tower and Sword.