

**Distribution of British Troops  
in Natal and Transvaal  
22 February 1879**

Lt General Commanding: F. A. Lord Chelmsford

Personal Staff:

Assistant Military Secretary: Brevet Lt Col Crealock, 95th Foot

Aides-de-Camp: Brevet Major Gosset, 54th Foot

Captain Bullr, R.B.

Lieutenant Milne, R. N.

Headquarters Staff:

Deputy Adjutant & Quartermaster-General: Colonel Bellairs (unattached)

Deputy Asst-Adjt & Qrnr Gen: Brevet Major Spalding, 104th Foot

Brevet Mjor Grenfell, 60th Foot

Officer Commanding R.A.: Lt Colonel Law

Officer Commanding R.E.: Colonel Hassard, CB

Officer Commanding Natal Mounted Police & Volunteers:

Major Dartnell N.M.P.

District Commissary Strickland, C.B.

Commissary General (Ordnance): Deputy Commissary General Wright

District Paymaster: Staff Paymaster Ball

Principal Medical Officer: Deputy Surgeon General Woolfrye, C.B., M.D.

No.1 Column: Colonel Commanding: Colonel Pearson, 3rd Foot

Staff:

Orderly Officer: Lieutenant Knight, 3rd Foot

Staff Officer: Brevet Colonel Walker, C.B., Scots Guards

General Staff Duties: Captain McGregor, 29th Foot

Transport Duties: Captain Pelly Clarke, 103rd Foot

Senior Commissariat Officer: Assistant Commissary Heygate

Sub District Paymaster: Paymaster Gorges

Senior Medical Officer: Surgeon Major Tarrant

Corps:

Royal Artillery: 2 7 pdrs (mule), Lieutenant Lloyd

Royal Engineers: No. 2 Coy, Captain Wynne, R.E.

2/3rd Foot, Lt Colonel Parnell, 3rd Foot

99th Foot (6 Coys), Lt Colonel Welman

Naval Brigade, Commander Campbell, R.N.

No. 2 Squadron Mounted Infantry, Captain Barrow, 19th Hussars

Natal Hussars, Captain Norton

Durban Mounted Rifles, Captain Shepstone

Alexandra Mounted Rifles, Captain Arbuthnot

Stanger Mounted Rifles, Captain Addison

Victoria Mounted Rifles, Captain Saner

2nd Regiment Native Contingent, Major Graves, 3rd Foot

Staff Officer: Captain Hart, 31st Foot

1st Bn Major Graves, 3rd Foot

2nd Bn Commandant Nettleton

No. 2 Coy Natal Native Pioneers, Captain Beddoes

No.2 Column: Commanding: Lt Colonel Durnford, R.E.

Staff:

General Staff Duties: Captain Barton, 7th Foot  
Transport Duties: Lieutenant Cochrane, 32nd Foot  
Senior Medical Officer: Civilian Surgeon Cartwright Read

Corps:

Rocket Battery (Mules), Captain Russell, R.A.  
1/1st Natal Native Contingent, Commandant Montgomery  
2/1st Natal Native Contingent, Major Bengough, 77th Foot  
3/1st Natal Native Contingent, Captain Cherry, 32nd Foot  
Sikali's Horse  
No. 3 Coy Natal Native Pioneers, Captain Allen

No.3 Column: Commanding: Brevet Colonel Glyn, C.B., 24th Foot

Staff:

Orderly Officer: Lieutenant Coghill, 24th Foot  
Staff Officer: Major Clery  
General Staff Duties: Captain Gardner, 14th Hussars  
Transport Duties: Captain Essex, 75th Foot  
Senior Commissariat Officer: Assistant Commissary Dunne  
Sub District Paymaster: Paymaster Elliott (hon. capt.)  
Senior Medical Officer: Surgeon Major Shepherd

Corps:

N Battery R.A., Brevet Lt Colonel Harness  
Royal Engineers: No. 5 Coy, Captain Jones, R.E.  
1/24th Foot, Brevet Lt Colonel Pulleine  
2/24th Foot, Colonel Degacher, C.B. 24th Foot  
No. 1 Squadron Mounted Infantry, Lt Col (l.r.) Russell, 12th Lancers  
Natal Mounted Police, Major Dartnell  
Natal Carbineers, Captain Shepstone  
Newcastle Mounted Rifles, Captain Bradstreet  
Buffalo Border Guard, Captain Smith  
3rd Regiment Native Contingent, Commandant Lonsdale  
    Staff Officer: Lieutenant Hartford, 99th Foot  
    1st Bn Commandant Lonsdale  
    2nd Bn Commandant Cooper  
No. 1 Coy Natal Native Pioneers, Captain Nolan

No.4 Column: Colonel Commanding: Colonel Evelyn Woo, V.C., C.B., 90th Foot

Staff:

Orderly Officer: Lieutenant Lyons, 99th Foot  
Staff Officer: Captain Hon. R. Campbell, Coldstream Guards  
General Staff Duties: Captain Woodgate 4th Foot  
Transport Duties: Captain Vaughan, R.A.  
Senior Commissariat Officer: Commissary Hughes  
Sub District Paymaster: Paymaster MacDonald  
Senior Medical Officer: Surgeon Major Cuffe

Corps:

Royal Artillery: 6 7 pdrs Major Tremlett, R.A.  
1/13th Foot, Lt Colonel Gilbert, 13th Foot  
90th Foot, Brevet Lt Colonel Cherry, 90th Foot  
Frontier Light Horse, Brevet Lt Colonel Buller, C.B., 60th Foot  
Wood's Irregulars, Commandant Henderson

No.5 Column: Commanding: Colonel Rowalnds, V.C., C.B.

Staff:

Staff Officer: Captain Harvey, 71st Foot  
District Adjutant: Lieutenant Potts, 80th Foot  
Senior Commissariat Officer: Assistant Commissary General Phillips  
Commissary of Ordnance: Commissary Wyon  
Sub District Paymaster: Assistant Paymaster Burgers  
Senior Medical Officer: Surgeon Major Johnson

Corps:

80th Foot, Major Tucker  
Schutte's Corps, Captain Schutte  
Eckersley Contingent, Captain Eckersley  
Raaff's Corps, Captain Raaff  
Ferreira's Horse, Captain Ferreira  
Border Lancers, Lt Colonel Wetherley  
Traansvaal Rangers, Cape Mounted Rifles  
1 Krupp gun  
26pdrs, Armstrong

Line of Communication:

Grey Town - Helpmakaar: Commanding: Brevet Lt Colonel Hopton, 88th Foot

Staff:

District Adjutant: Lieutenant Morehead, 24th Foot  
Commissariat Officer: Commissariat Farne  
Commissariat (Ordnance): Commissary Moors  
District Paymaster: Paymaster Bacon  
Senior Medical Officer: Surgeon Major Ingham  
Commanding General Depot: Brevet Major Chamberlain, 34th Foot  
1 coy 88th, Fort Napier

Grey Town and Middledrift: Commanding: Major Brock 24th Foot

Grey Town: 1 coy, 2.4th Foot

Helpmakaar - Rorke's drift: Commanding: Colonel Bray, C.B., 4th Foot

4 coys 2/4th Foot

Base of Operations, Durban: Commanding: Major Huskinson, 56th Foot

Staff:

General Duties: Captain Somerset, R.B.  
Transport Duties: Captain Spratt, 24th Foot  
Senior Commissariat Officer: Deputy Commissariat Grant  
Commissary of Ordnance: Assistant Commissary de Ricci  
Senior Medical Officer: Surgeon Jennings  
1 coy 99th Foot

Stanger - Lower Tugela Drift: Commanding: Brevet Major Walker, 99th Foot

1 coy 99th Foot

Fort Pearson: Detachment, Naval Brigade

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