

through our glasses, on getting within 4 miles, was using sweeps, which, on our closing, she drew in, not to excite suspicion.

When about 3 miles up Kokotoni Harbour, I got abreast of her, suddenly stopped and lowered a boat to board her, upon which the crew made for the shore in a canoe.

Lieutenant Hibbert chased them in whaler, and a most exciting race took place. They got ashore first, and had 400 yards start; the blue-jackets, headed by Lieutenant Hibbert, were soon after them, chasing them for about 1 mile over coral reef in order to cut off crew before gaining the bush.

Lieutenant Hibbert managed to catch the rearmost one just as he was entering the bush, and the dhow was brought off, containing twenty-nine slaves.

She left Bagamoyo two days ago.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. KING HALL.

No. 59.

Mr. Egerton to the Marquis of Salisbury.—(Received September 28.)

My Lord,

Paris, September 26, 1888.

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that I have to-day spoken to the Minister for Foreign Affairs in the sense of your Lordship's despatch of the 14th instant, on the subject of the carrying on of Slave Trade near Zanzibar by native vessels with French colours and papers.

His Excellency said, in answer, that he had requested the Minister of Marine to cause a searching inquiry to be made into the matter, and, as I had perhaps seen in the newspapers, had asked him to give orders to French men-of-war on the East Coast of Africa to act against slave-trading vessels of all kinds.

I inclose herewith an extract from the "Temps," stating that the Minister of Marine has given orders for the pursuit of all slavers, more especially of those flying the French flag.

I have, &c.
(Signed) EDWIN H. EGERTON.

Inclosure in No. 59.

Extract from the "Temps" of September 16, 1888.

L'AMIRAL KRANTZ, sur la prière de son collègue des Affaires Étrangères, a donné des ordres à ceux de nos navires de guerre qui se trouvent dans les eaux de l'Afrique Orientale de poursuivre activement les bâtiments qui se livrent à la Traite des Nègres sous quelque pavillon qu'ils se trouvent et surtout s'ils arborent le pavillon Français.

(Translation.)

ADMIRAL KRANTZ, at the request of his colleague the Minister for Foreign Affairs, has ordered such of our vessels of war as are in East African waters to take energetic action against vessels engaged in the Slave Trade under whatever flag they may be, but more especially if under that of France.

No. 60.

Admiralty to Foreign Office.—(Received October 2.)

Sir,

Admiralty, September 29, 1888.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the inclosed copy of a letter of the 8th August, from the Senior Naval Officer on the East Coast of Africa, reporting the disposal of slaves captured by Her Majesty's ships between November 1887 and June 1888, inclusive.

I am, &c.
(Signed) EVAN MACGREGOR.