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Context

Name of creator(s):
Biddulph, Sir, Robert, 1835-1918, Knight, General, colonial governor

Administrative / Biographical history:
Born 1835; educated at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich; commissioned into the Royal Artillery, 1853; served in the Crimean War, 1854-1856, and was present at the Battle of the Alma, the Battle of Balaclava and the siege of Sebastopol; service in the Indian Mutiny Campaign, 1857-1859; Capt, 1860; Second China War, 1860; Maj, 1861; Lt Col, 1864; Assistant Boundary Commissioner for Reform Act, 1867; private secretary to Rt Hon Edward Cardwell, Secretary of State for War, 1871-1873; Col, 1872; Assistant Adjutant General, War Office, 1873-1878; awarded CB, 1877; HM Commissioner, Constantinople, 1879; High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief, Cyprus, 1879-1886; created KCMG, 1880; Maj Gen, 1883; appointed GCMG, 1886; Inspector General of Recruiting, 1886-1888; Lt Gen, 1887; Director General of Military Education, 1888-1893; Gen, 1892; Quartermaster General to the Forces, 1893; Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Gibraltar, 1893-1900; created KCB, 1896; appointed GCB, 1899; retired, 1902; Army Purchase Commissioner, 1904; Master Gunner of St James's Park, 1914; died 1918. Publications: Lord Cardwell at the War Office. A history of his administration, 1868-1874 (John Murray, London, 1904).

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Scope and content:
Copy of single letter from Biddulph to a Mr Fanshawe, 13 Jun 1904, commenting on recent administrative changes at the War Office, in comparison with reforms to the British Army proposed by Edward Cardwell, Viscount Cardwell, Secretary of State for War, 1868-1874.

System of arrangement:
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Decorations: GCB, GCMG

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