



*THE 1st BORDER REGIMENT AT MALTA.
INSPECTION BY GENERAL LORD CONGLETON PRIOR TO EMBARKATION.*

IT will be remembered that, at the same time that orders were given for the despatch of the Indian contingent, four battalions were named to be sent out from home and from three stations in the Mediterranean. These were the Northumberland Fusiliers from Aldershot, the 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers from Cairo, the 2nd Rifle Brigade from Crete, and the 1st Border Regiment from Malta. The embarkation of the last-named in the "Sumatra" is illustrated in the three accompanying pictures. The regiment is timed to disembark in South Africa this week, and if it does so in as fit a condition as it

was in when it went on board at the end of last month it will be by no means the least important unit in the fine force at the disposal of Sir Redvers Buller.

The significance of this particular embarkation lies to a great extent in the example it affords of the value of our Mediterranean military stations in a situation where reinforcement of a British garrison in Africa or Asia needs to be speedy to be of any real use. At these stations there are always corps ready for service at almost a moment's



*EMBARKATION BY TENDER.
The Tug "Stormcock" Taking Off Troops at the Custom House Quay.*

notice, and it seldom happens that they cannot be spared for the few weeks necessary to effect their relief from home.

