



BRIGADIER-GENERAL A. E. BURNSIDE.

THE BURNSIDE EXPEDITION.

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AMBROSE EVERETT BURNSIDE, who commands the expedition just sailed from Annapolis, was born at Liberty, Union county, Indiana, 23d May, 1824. At the age of eighteen years he was entered at West Point, and was graduated fifteenth in a class of forty-seven members, in 1847. He was brevetted Second Lieutenant in the Second Artillery, and was transferred the next year to the Third Artillery. Joining his regiment in Mexico, he marched in PATTERSON's column to the city of Mexico, where he remained till peace was declared. Returning to the North, he was stationed at Fort Adams, in Newport Harbor. In 1849 he was attached as a First Lieutenant to Captain (now Rebel General) BRAGG's battery, and was engaged for three or four years in frontier service in New Mexico. In an engagement with the Apache Indians in August, 1859, near Los Vegas, Lieutenant BURNSIDE commanded a company of twenty-nine men, who killed eighteen Indians, took nine prisoners, and captured forty horses. For this action he was recommended for promotion. He afterwards served as Quartermaster to the Commission which surveyed the boundary line between the United States and Mexico. In 1851 he crossed the Plains from the Gila River through the Indian territory, traveling twelve hundred miles in seventeen days, with an escort of but three men, bringing despatches from Colonel GRAHAM to the President.

Lieut. BURNSIDE was next stationed at Fort Adams, and while there he resigned his commission for the purpose of devoting his attention to the manufacture of a breech-loading rifle of his own invention, and took up his residence at Bristol, R. I. His new enterprise proving unfortunate, he went to Chicago and entered the office

of the Illinois Central Railroad Company as Cashier of the Land Department, while GEORGE B. (now General) McCLELLAN was General Superintendent, and afterwards Vice President of the Company. After holding the position of Cashier two years, BURNSIDE was elected Treasurer of the Company, and removed to New York. While acting in this capacity, soon after the outbreak of the rebellion, he received a telegraph despatch from Governor SPRAGUE, notifying him that the First Rhode Island Regiment of one thousand men was raised, and asking him to take the command. In half an hour he left his office and was on his way to Providence. The regiment was one of the first which went to Washington, and took part in the engagement at Stone Bridge, Colonel BURNSIDE acting as Brigadier-General during that battle. His conduct on that occasion commended him to the attention of the authorities at Washington, and on the sixth of August he was appointed Brigadier-General of Volunteers. General McCLELLAN, who knows his worth and military capacity, has selected him to command one of the most important expeditions projected since the commencement of the war.

STAFF.—Capt. LEWIS RICHMOND, Assistant Adjutant-General; Captain H. Biggs, Quartermaster; Captain E. H. Goodrich, Commissary of Subsistence; Captain H. Cutting, Assistant Commissary of Subsistence; Major W. H. Church, Brigade Surgeon; Lieutenant Pell, A. D. C.; Lieutenant George Fearing, A. D. C.

Brigadier-General—J. G. FOSTER, commanding the First Brigade.

STAFF.—Captain S. HOFFMAN, Assistant Adjutant-General; Captain D. Messenger, Brigade Quartermaster; P. Hudson, A. D. C.; Lieutenants E. N. Strong and J. M. Pendleton, Volunteer Aids.