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Preparations are being made at Goletta for the embarkation of French cavalry for Sfax. Some French troops have arrived at Biserta from France, and will march thence to Manouba to replace the troops which have left for the coast.

A telegram from Susa, dated Thursday afternoon, says that the bombardment of Sfax lasted for eight hours on Tuesday, and was again heard at Mehdia the following morning for three hours.

The Arab tribes are approaching Mehdia. Most of the Europeans are on board the vessels in the harbour. The Italian ironclad Maria Pia is off Mehdia.

Ali Ben Halifa, the leader of the insurgents, has sent letters to the tribe inhabiting the Enfida district, informing them that emissaries will arrive to-morrow for the purpose of being informed whether the Enfida tribe will join the insurgents against the Bey.

All is quiet in the Susa district.

The Maltese who was accused of shooting the French officer at Manouba has been arrested, and an examination will probably be held this afternoon. He has served for many years at Bona, and has followed the French camp since the commencement of the campaign. From the preliminary explanations it appears that the suspicions against him are groundless.

LATER.

The Maltese who was arrested on suspicion of having shot the French officer at Manouba, was to-day examined in the presence of the French authorities. He was found innocent, and discharged. A partner of his is now suspected.

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There is very little information as yet respecting the bombardment of Sfax. According to the report of a Maltese vessel, which left the Roads yesterday morning and reached Mehdia to-day, the ironclads had destroyed all the forts, the principal mosque, and a portion of the Mussulman quarter; but the insurgents were still returning the fire. The rising is said to be extending in southern Tunis.