

NORTH AFRICA.

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It is officially reported that, after Sfax was occupied, some of the French soldiers forced open the doors of the European houses that remained untouched, and carried away all the valuable articles that could be found. They were also seen destroying documents and throwing them about the streets. It is feared that there will be much difficulty to ascertain the amount of personal losses. The claims in both the English and Italian Consulates are numerous. It is a well-known fact that the wealthiest inhabitants of Sfax were Maltese.

A private telegram states that the French squadron is off Gabes, and that the town is being bombarded; but the telegraph line to the coast has since been cut, and there is no confirmation of the news; nor does it appear probable that any resistance would be offered at Gabes.

It is affirmed that the French will recommence their military operations in the Regency in the autumn, but in the meanwhile the Arabs continue in a state of insurrection. No authority is recognized even by the native soldiers, and the Europeans all over the country are in a constant state of alarm. Here it is looked upon as certain that the Regency must be completely annexed within a very short time, and probably before the autumn campaign commences. It is said that the French have demanded of the Arabs in Sfax an indemnity of 15 million francs.