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*In his first interview with the Governor of St. Helena, Napoleon said emphatically: "Egypt is the most important country in the world."*

ROSE, *Life of Napoleon*, vol. i. p. 356.

*Earum proprie rerum sit historia, quibus rebus gerendis interfuerit is qui narret.*

GELLIUS, *Noctes Atticae*, v. 18.

τὰ δ' ἔργα τῶν πραχθέντων ἐν τῷ πολέμῳ οὐκ ἐκ τοῦ παρατυχόντος πυνθανόμενος ἠξίωσα γράφειν, οὐδ' ὡς ἐμοὶ ἐδόκει, ἀλλ' οἷς τε αὐτὸς παρήν, καὶ παρὰ τῶν ἄλλων ὅσον δυνατὸν ἀκριβεῖα περὶ ἐκάστου ἐπεξελεθῶν.

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Earl of Iddesleigh . .	August 3, 1886 .	January 14, 1887
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Earl of Rosebery . .	August 18, 1892 .	March 11, 1894
Earl of Kimberley . .	March 11, 1894 .	June 29, 1895
Marquess of Salisbury .	June 29, 1895 .	November 12, 1900
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## 1891

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## 1892

- Death of the Khedive Tewfik . . . . . January 7.  
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## 1893

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## 1894

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## 1896

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## 1897

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 Abu Hamed captured . . . . . August 7.  
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 Railway from Wadi Halfa to Abu Hamed completed . . . . . October 31.  
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## 1898

National Bank created with authority to issue promissory notes . . . . .	June 25.
Signature of the contract for the construction of the Nile Reservoirs . . . . .	February 20.
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