

M0003659: Major-General C. George Gordon (1833-1885)

Publication/Creation

October 1933

Persistent URL

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/ydxq6k2q>

License and attribution

Conditions of use: it is possible this item is protected by copyright and/or related rights. You are free to use this item in any way that is permitted by the copyright and related rights legislation that applies to your use. For other uses you need to obtain permission from the rights-holder(s).

**wellcome
collection**

Wellcome Collection
183 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE UK
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722
E library@wellcomecollection.org
<https://wellcomecollection.org>



From the Painting]

GORDON'S LAST WATCH, 1885.

[By L. Dickenson.

Though a man of the purest and noblest character Gordon was undoubtedly not the right man for the work which he was called upon to do in 1884. He was difficult to work with, and would not be tied by government orders. His instructions were to secure the evacuation of the Khartoum garrison, but when once there "he threw his instructions to the winds" and determined to reconquer the Sudan or perish in the attempt. This does not, however, absolve Gladstone from blame for the tragic delay which caused the relief expedition to arrive two days too late, on January 28th, 1885.