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ADMIRALTY, June 9, 1841.

DISPATCHES were yesterday received at this office, from Commodore Sir J. J. G. Bremer, C.B., addressed to R. More O'Ferrall, Esq. of which the following are copies or extracts:

*Calliope, Whampoa Reach,  
March 17, 1841.*

SIR,

Your own presence on board the "Nemesis," yesterday afternoon, when she was fired upon from the work above the forts in the Macao Passage, notwithstanding the flag of truce, releases me from the necessity of detailing the circumstances of the case. I may add, however, that the Chinese authorities perfectly understand the intention of, and respect due to, that signal, and have frequently taken advantage of its protection for purposes of safe communication with our own forces.

Under all these circumstances, therefore, I need not press upon you, Sir, the necessity of resenting this aggression, with all the promptitude which may be compatible with considerations of a military nature. Having regard, however, to its close neighbourhood to the city of Canton, I will earnestly request you to confine your movement to the destruction of guns or material at the work from which the shot was fired, and if that object cannot be accomplished by fire, without exposing the buildings in the vicinity to the risk of conflagration, I would suggest that it should be otherwise effected.

I take the liberty to add, for your general guidance, that the main intention of the scheme of further operations, which I propose to submit to their Excellencies in command of the sea and land forces, is to make ourselves masters of the lines of communication westward of Canton, with a view to its in-

sulation and complete deprivation of trade and means of supply, from all points of approach.

The capture or destruction of the flotilla, which took part in the aggression of yesterday, will, of course, seem to you an object of great importance, if it can be accomplished with due regard to other considerations.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES ELLIOT,  
H.M. Plenipotentiary.

*Captain Herbert, Senior Officer of H.M.S.  
and Vessels in advance.*

P.S.—I need scarcely remind you, that there was a small boat in advance of the steam vessel, also with a flag of truce flying, when the shot was fired.

*British Hall, Canton,  
March 20, 1841.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that I have this day concluded a suspension of hostilities in this province, the Imperial Commissioner having publicly proclaimed the trade to be opened, and that all British and other merchants proceeding to the provincial city, shall receive due protection.

With a view to the restoration of confidence amongst the trading people, I have now to request you will have the goodness to move the vessels actually before "Shameen," about half-way down towards the Macao Passage Fort, and I hope you will also do what may otherwise be in your power to evince sincerely peaceful purposes respecting the population, without, however, removing a sufficiently pressing force from the neighbourhood of the city.

I am persuaded, too, that you will recognize the soundness of manifesting every degree of proper respect for the Government, and every disposition to uphold its character in the sight of the people, which may be compatible with the paramount necessity of keeping awake a lively sense, that renewal of ill faith will be responded to by an immediate blow.

It must be quite superfluous to assure you, Sir, I depend with great confidence (and with constant thankfulness), upon your continued earnest efforts to prevent accident at Canton. But perhaps I may be pardoned for suggesting, that for the present, no person or boat be allowed to land without the express permission of the senior officer on the spot.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES ELLIOT,  
H.M. Plenipotentiary.

*Captain Herbert, Senior Officer, &c. &c. &c.*

WAR-OFFICE, June 11, 1841.

1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards—Major the Honourable James Sinclair, from half-pay Unattached, to be Major, vice John Henry Slade, who exchanges, receiving the difference. Captain Richard Martin to be Major, by purchase, vice Sinclair, who retires. Lieutenant Edmund James Power to be Captain, by purchase, vice Martin. Cornet John Borlase Maunsell to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Power. William Tuthill, gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Maunsell.

2d—Major Henry Wilmot Charleton to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by purchase, vice Kearney, who retires. Captain William Campbell to be Major, by purchase, vice Charlton. Lieutenant John Chichester Knox to be Captain, by purchase, vice Campbell. Cornet James Ley to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Knox. Gentleman Cadet John Southcote Mansergh, from the Royal Military College, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Ley.