

DOWNING-STREET, April 27, 1848.

ing some of H. M. 38th Regiment; the Alarm's barge, commanded by Lieutenant Ridge, and First Lieutenant Boyle, of the royal marines, with a part of his detachment, and the Vixen's port paddle box boat, with the head quarters of the detachment of that regiment, commanded by Captain Smith, owing to their fast pulling, took the lead after the gigs, and on we went, but the current was so strong that one hour and forty minutes elapsed before we were enabled to pass the batteries sufficiently high to drop down to the landing-place previously mentioned, by which time nearly all the boats were up. I then gave the order to land, which they did with an English cheer, and in ten minutes our flag was hoisted on the fort.

After a chace of thirty minutes into the thick woods, I ordered the recall to be sounded, destroyed the stockades, spiked the guns, broke their trunions, and threw them into the river, together with musquets, ammunition; and, after embarking the force, set fire to the defences.

I was unable to ascertain accurately the loss of the enemy, owing to the density of the cover into which they retreated; twenty, however, were found dead, and I have reason to believe that about double the number were wounded. Their force consisted of about two hundred soldiers, besides some boatmen, pressed by Colonel Salas into his service.

Nine prisoners were captured, amongst them two wounded officers; these I sent to the ship; the remainder I have distributed amongst the boats to act as pilots.

The defences of the post consisted of six angular stockaded entrenchments, formed of very tough timber, eight feet high and four feet thick, one side of each stockade looking across the river, and the other down the reach. The principal stockade commanded the landing-place, in which one of the guns was mounted at the time.

It was with great satisfaction that I saw the cool and steady behaviour of the men, under the trying circumstances of crowded boats exposed to a hot fire from both sides of the river, from unseen marksmen, without the possibility of effectually returning it, while in almost a stationary position, owing to the current running like a mill-stream. And it is astonishing to me that a greater loss did not occur, as the boats were riddled with shot, and nearly half the oars broken.

To distinguish one brave officer from another, when all did their duty, is a difficult task; but I may remark, that I found Captain Smith, commanding the detachment of Her Majesty's 38th Regiment, by my side on landing; Commander Ryder, at the head of his division, close by me; Lieutenants Johnston and Ridge, of the Alarm, leading their men in gallant style; and First Lieutenant Boyle, Royal Marines, of the same ship, leading his detachment as my guard, and showing an example, which his marines could not but follow.

Mr Martin, Paymaster and Purser of the Alarm, accompanied me in my gig, and was of the greatest value and assistance. Besides these officers, I beg to recommend to your favourable notice Mr Collins, Paymaster and Purser of H. M. S. Vixen, who was a volunteer in the head quarter port paddle box boat; the Honourable H. A. Moreton, Mate of the Alarm, who commanded the pinnace, and did good execution; Mr Tyler, Mate of the same

ship; Mr N. E. B. Turnour, Midshipman of the Vixen, who was badly wounded; and I beg to mention a seaman of the Vixen, named in the margin,* who captured the colours.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GRANVILLE G. LOCH,
Captain H. M. S. Alarm,
and Senior Officer, &c.

P. S.—Commander A. Rider has brought under my notice the zeal and gallantry of Mr F. A. Dewdney, Midshipman of H. M. S. Vixen, commanding the S. P. B. boat.

I beg also to mention the zeal and activity of Lieutenant Scott, First of the Vixen, in forwarding the advance of the launches over the rapids, and his exertions in pushing on the slow boats of the force.

*Vice Admiral Sir Francis W. Austen,
K. C. B., Commander-in-Chief, &c.*

* Dennis Burke, stoker.

A List of Boats and the number of Men on the River San Juan de Nicaragua Expedition.

Her Majesty's Ship Alarm.

Galley.—Captain Loch; Mr. Martin, Acting Paymaster and Purser; crew, 6.—Total 8.

Barge, 12-Pounder Carronade.—Lieutenant Ridge; Lieutenant Boyle, R.M.; Mr. Tyler, Mate; crew, 13; marines, 10.—Total 26; 3 wounded.

Spare Pinnace, 12-Pounder Howitzer.—Lieutenant Johnston; Mr. Irvine, Midshipman; crew, 13; soldiers, 18.—Total 33, 1 killed, 1 wounded.

Pinnace, 12-Pounder Carronade.—Honourable H. Moreton, Mate; Mr Hatherly, Assistant-Surgeon; Mr Balfour, Midshipman; crew, 13; marines, 10.—Total 26; 1 wounded.

1st Cutter, Rocket Boat.—Mr W. Rees, Boatswain; crew, 11.—Total 12.

2d Cutter.—Mr Blakeley, Midshipman; crew, 10; soldiers, 6.—Total 17.

Total 122.

Her Majesty's Steam Sloop Vixen.

Gig.—Commander Ryder; crew, 5.—Total 6; 1 wounded.

Port P. B. Boat, 24-pounder Carronade.—Mr Collins, Acting Paymaster and Purser (Volr.); Mr Turnour, Midshipman; Captain Smith, 38th Regiment; crew, 15; soldiers, 22.—Total 41; 1 killed, 1 wounded.

Starboard P. B. Boat, 24-pounder Carronade.—Mr Dewdney, Midshipman; Lieutenant Hugonin, 38th Regiment; crew, 13; soldiers, 23; Mr Brown, Engineer (Volr.).—Total 38; 5 wounded.

Pinnace, 12-pounder Carronade.—Mr Fayrer, Midshipman; Mr Le Blanc, Assistant-Surgeon, 38th Regiment; crew, 13; marines, 10.—Total 25; 1 wounded.

Cutter.—Mr Hughes, Midshipman; Mr Campion, Clerk, (Volr.); crew, 10, soldiers, 6.—Total 18.

Second Gig.—Mr Lambert, Midshipman; crew, 5.—Total 6.

2 Dories Crew.—Total 4.

Total 138.

Grand Total engaged 260; 2 killed and 13 wounded.

Killed.

Her Majesty's Ship Alarm.

James Johnson, boatswain's mate.

Her Majesty's Steam Sloop Vixen.

Charles Fowell, Captain fore top.

Wounded.

Her Majesty's Ship Alarm.

John Mitchell, coxswain, slightly.

William Smallman, private, marine, slightly.

John Powell, private, marine, slightly.

John Benney, private, marine, slightly.

James Nolan, private, 38th Regt. slightly.

Her Majesty's Steam Sloop Vixen.

William Haycock, corporal, 38th Regt. severely.

Philip Maloney, private, 38th Regt. severely.

David Goodman, private, 38th Regt. slightly.

William Cubitt, private, 38th Regt. slightly.

Patrick Nazle, A. B. slightly.

Lewis Wright, marine, slightly.

Mr R. Turnour, Midshipman, severely.

William Henry Coombes, paymaster and purser's steward, severely.

Total 260 men; 12 boats, with 2 24-pounder carronades, 3 12-pounder carronades, 1 12-pounder howitzer, and rocket boat.

(Signed) GRANVILLE G. LOCH.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for appointing

The Right Honourable Henry Lytton Bulwer, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Queen of Spain,
The Right Honourable Henry Ellis, sometime employed on an Extraordinary and Special Mission to the Court of His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil,
The Right Honourable Richard Pakenham, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States of America,
James Brooke, Esq. Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the island of Labuan,
George Russell Clerk, Esq. Governor of Bombay,
Henry Light, Esq. Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the colony of British Guiana,
George Grey, Esq. Governor-in-Chief of New Zealand,
Charles Edward Trevelyan, Esq. Assistant Secretary to the Board of Treasury,
Sir Randolph Isham Routh, Kt. Commissary General, employed on a particular Service in Ireland,
Rear Admiral Beaufort, Hydrographer to the Admiralty,
The Right Honourable James Stephen, one of the Under Secretaries of State for the War and Colonial Department,
Major General William Morison, of the Madras Artillery, C. B.,
Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Montgomery Lawrence, of the Bengal Artillery, C. B.,

to be Ordinary Members of the Civil Division of the Second Class or Knights Commanders of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Her Majesty has also been graciously pleased to give orders for appointing Major General William Francis Patrick Napier, C.B., to be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Second Class or Knights Commanders of the said Most Honourable Order.

And Her Majesty has further been graciously pleased to give orders for appointing

Lord Bloomfield, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Emperor of all the Russias,
Lord Cowley, Her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Confederated States of the Swiss Cantons,
Lord William Hervey, Secretary to Her Majesty's Embassy at Paris,
The Right Honourable the Earl of St Germans, sometime Secretary of Legation at the Court of Madrid, and afterwards employed by his late Majesty's Government on a Mission to the north of Spain,
Lieutenant-Colonel Justin Sheil, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Shah of Persia,
Sir Henry Wheatley, Bart. Receiver General of the Duchy of Cornwall,
George Edward Anson, Esq. Keeper of Her Majesty's Privy Purse,
The Honourable Charles Augustus Murray, late Master of Her Majesty's Household, and now Her Majesty's Agent and Consul General in Egypt,
George Nicholls, Esq. one of the Secretaries to the Poor Law Board,
Edwin Chadwick, Esq. one of the Commissioners for enquiring into the sanitary condition of the Metropolis,
John George Shaw Lefevre, Esq. Clerk Assistant of the Parliaments,
Alexander Milne, Esq. one of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings,
Sir Henry Thomas De la Beche, Kt. Director General of the Geological Survey of the United Kingdom,
Sir William Symonds, Kt. Captain of the Navy,
Lieutenant-Colonel Joshua Jebb, R. E. Surveyor General of Prisons and Inspector General of Military Prisons,
Richard Mayne, Esq. one of the Commissioners of the Police of the Metropolis,
Samuel George Bonham, Esq. Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the island of Hong Kong,
Colonel Sir William Macbean George Colebrooke, Kt. late Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick,
Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Holt Robe, now administering the Government of South Australia,
Sir Robert Bowcher Clarke, Kt. Chief Justice of Barbadoes,
Sir Joshua Rowe, Kt. Chief Justice of Jamaica,
Sir Anthony Oliphant, Kt. Chief Justice of Ceylon,
George Scotland, Esq. Chief Justice of Trinidad, and
Sir Rupert Denis George, Bart. late Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia,

to be Ordinary Members of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or, Companions of the aforesaid Most Honourable Order of the Bath.