

Fox, Commodore G. R. Lambert, 298 men, 40 guns. Two guns lent to Rattler, and 12 seamen to Maha Nuddie.
 Hermes, Commander E. Fishbourne, 120 men, 6 guns.
 Salamander, Commander J. S. Ellman, 135 men, 6 guns.
 Serpent, Commander W. Luard, 125 men, 16 guns. Four guns received from Calcutta.
 A gun boat, Mr R. C. Copland, Acting Mate, 10 men, 1 gun.
 Total—818 men, 80 guns.

Steamers of the Indian Navy.

Feroze, Captain H. B. Lynch, 230 men, 7 guns. Senior Officer.
 Moozuffer, Commander H. H. Hewett, 230 men, 7 guns.
 Zenobia, Commander A. Ball, 200 men, 6 guns.
 Sesostris, Commander C. Campbell, 135 men, 4 guns.
 Medusa, Lieutenant H. A. Fraser, 60 men, 5 guns.
 Berenice, Lieutenant A. Nisbett, 97 men, 1 gun.
 Total—952 men, 30 guns.

Uncovenanted Service.

Tenasserim, Captain W. Dicey, 80 men, 6 guns.
 Pluto, Captain C. Burbank, 86 men, 7 guns.
 Phlegethon, Captain G. T. Neblett, 86 men, 6 guns.
 Proserpine, Captain A. Brooking, 86 men, 6 guns.
 Enterprize, Captain A. Fryer, 70 men, 2 guns.
 Fire Queen, Captain H. Boon, 70 men, 2 guns.
 Maha Nuddie, Lieutenant G. W. Rice, R. N., in temporary charge, 22 men, 4 guns. Tender to Fox. 12 men received from Fox.
 Total—500 men, 33 guns.

Troops.

Her Majesty's 18th Royal Irish	...	850	men.
" 51st Regiment	...	900	"
" 80th do.	...	460	"
Five Companies of Artillery	...	517	"
Three Regiments of Native Infantry	...	2800	"
Gun Lascars	...	70	"
Two Companies of Sappers and Miners	...	170	"
Total		5767	men.

Ordnance.

Howitzers—8 inch, 2 ; 24-pounders, 6 ; Guns—9-pounders, 8 ;—Total, 16 guns.
 Ships of War, 19 ; men, 8037 ; guns, 159.

The Secretary to Rear-Admiral Austen to the Secretary to the Government of India.

Rattler, Rangoon River, April 9, 1852.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to request you will be pleased to inform the Governor-General that, agreeably with the intention expressed in my letter of the 25th ultimo, the Rear-Admiral Commander-in-Chief hoisted his flag on board Her Majesty's sloop Rattler, and, accompanied by Her Majesty's sloop Salamander, left Penang on the 29th of March.

On the 1st of April His Excellency arrived off the mouth of the Rangoon River, where he found Her Majesty's ships Fox and Serpent, the East India Company's steamers Phlegethon and Proserpine, three transports, and the ship taken from the King of Ava. On the following morning

the steamers and transports named in the margin* arrived from Calcutta with the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces on board, and the Salamander came in shortly after.

The Proserpine was sent to Moulmein the same day to give notice of projected movements ; and on the 3d instant the Rattler bearing His Excellency's flag, the Hermes, with the Commander of the Forces on board, and the Salamander, sailed for Moulmein. Receiving troops on board there, to the number of fifteen hundred, the squadron proceeded off Martaban, and assisted at the capture of that place on the 5th instant, the particulars of which the Commander of the Forces will have the honour of communicating to his Lordship. The Hermes grounded too far off to be of much use. The Salamander, owing to her draught of water, could not come so near as was desirable ; nevertheless the shelling was most effective. The Rattler took up an admirable position two hundred and fourteen yards from the stockades ; her shot and shell did much execution. The Proserpine, admirably managed by her able commander (whom His Excellency would beg to bring under favourable notice), received the troops from the larger steamers and landed them, and at the same time kept up a constant fire upon the stockades. The only casualties that occurred in the squadron were on board the Rattler, where one seaman was wounded in the arm, and two of the Madras Native Infantry.

On the 7th instant eleven hundred European troops, with camp followers, baggage, &c., were embarked in the squadron, and the transport Jessie, and all sailed for the rendezvous, arriving on the 8th instant.

The steamers and transports named in the margin† had arrived at the rendezvous, and arrangements are this day being made for an advance upon Rangoon.

The Rear-Admiral will have the honour of communicating future proceedings as opportunities occur.

I have, &c.

G. P. MARTIN.

The Secretary to Rear-Admiral Austen to the Secretary to the Government of India.

*Rattler, Rangoon River,
 April 9, 1852.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, by desire of the Rear-Admiral Commander-in-Chief, that in compliance with an arrangement entered into between the Lieutenant-General Commander of the Forces and his Excellency, Commodore G. R. Lambert, in Her Majesty's ship Fox, ascended this river in force on the 4th instant, for the purpose of destroying the stockades below Rangoon ; thus clearing the way for the advance of the squadron.

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter‡ from the Commodore, reporting the execution of this service in a manner which, in the opinion of the Rear-Admiral, must meet with approval.

I have, &c.

GEO. P. MARTIN.

* H. M.'s steam sloop Hermes. E. I. C. steamers, Fire Queen, Enterprize, Tenasserim. Transports, Tubal Cain, Julia, Monarch, Lahore.

† Steamers—Feroze, Sesostris, Moozuffer, Zenobia, Berenice, Medusa. Transports—Rockliff, Hempyke, Atalanta, Sir Thomas Gresham.

‡ 6th April 1852.

