

A Return of Cannon captured in the Fortifications of the City of Bassein, on the 19th of May 1852.

On the works round the city—guns, 30 ; gingals, 6.

In the Mud Fort—guns, 16 ; gingals, 20.

In the stockade, opposite the town—guns, 6 ; gingals, 6.

In the Mud Fort at Naputa—guns, 2.

Total—guns, 54 ; gingals, 32.

(Signed) GEORGE R. LAMBERT,
Commodore.

No. 29. *Her Majesty's Ship Fox's Boat, Bassein, 21st May 1852.*

SIR, REFERRING to my Despatch, No. 28, of yesterday's date, I request you will inform their Lordships that after we had obtained possession of Bassein, I sent the Pluto a short distance up the river to endeavour to intercept the retreating army. She returned this morning, and Com. Burbank acquaints me that he proceeded up the river, above Bassein, about 40 miles, that he communicated with the village of Mammoon, from which the inhabitants came off, and who informed him that one of the party then on board was a person in high command at Bassein during the attack, that he then arrested this person, and he has delivered him over to me, together with another officer of high rank.

Commander Burbank having been informed that a party of the retreating force, in two boats, had that night left the village, he proceeded in chase, and succeeded in capturing one of the boats, in which he found a quantity of arms and ammunition, which he destroyed ; the troops landed, and fled into the jungle.

The Pluto afterwards fell in with another portion of the defeated Burmese, encamped, but who fled on being observed, leaving their arms, all which have been destroyed, as well as their barracks. The party of seamen from the Fox embarked in the Pluto to assist in these operations, under Mr Lisboa, Midshipman.

The Proserpine steam vessel having joined me from Moulmein, I despatched her with the Fox's marines to destroy some unoccupied stockades in the neighbourhood of the village of Naputa, which was accomplished without any opposition, assisted by the villagers.

The Lieutenant-General intends leaving two hundred men of Her Majesty's 51st, and three hundred of the 9th Regiment of Madras Native Infantry, to garrison Bassein, to which I have added the Sesostriis steam-frigate. The remainder of the troops embarked to-day, and to-morrow the squadron will return to Rangoon.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE R. LAMBERT.

OPERATIONS IN THE IRRAWADY.

No. 31.

SIR, *Fox, at Rangoon, May 24, 1852.*

In continuance of my letter, No. 27, I have the honour to request you will inform their Lordships that the Phlegethon returned here to-day, having made a most successful expedition in conjunction with the barge of this ship, in charge of Acting Lieutenant Lawrence, which I had despatched to rejoin him on the 11th instant.

While Commodore Niblett was waiting for sufficient water to get into Rangoon river, I directed him to reconnoitre Donabew ; he accordingly proceeded to that place and found that the Governor

of Dallah had fled, and that this once famous stronghold was unoccupied and defenceless. The inhabitants seemed desirous of affording every assistance, and informed him that a considerable force was collected further up the river, to which spot he also proceeded ; and, at about ten miles above Donabew, near the tower of Sagadjee, he fell in with them.

The Phlegethon opened fire upon this force, consisting of about 5000 men, which retreated and fell back upon Sarawah, a town thirty miles higher up the river. He afterwards ascertained that a portion of them crossed over to Hewsada, at the junction of the Bassein river.

Commander Niblett informs me that wherever the Phlegethon made her appearance, he was received by the natives with every demonstration of friendship ; and an anxiety for him to remain and afford them protection from the marauders and Burmese troops. I have, &c.

(Signed) GEO. R. LAMBERT.

A. Stafford, Esq., M.P.

&c. &c. &c.

WHITEHALL, August 7, 1852.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be made use of in the place of the Great Seal of Scotland, nominating and appointing the Right Honourable Dunbar James, Earl of Selkirk, to be Keeper of the said Seal, in the room of the Right Honourable John, Earl of Stair, resigned.

ADMIRALTY, August 6, 1852.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have this day been pleased to sign a Commission appointing Commodore George Robert Lambert to be a Commodore of the First Class.

WHITEHALL August 2, 1852.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Henry Thursby, Clerk, Master of Arts, Rector and Patron of Cound, in the county of Salop, only surviving child and heir of George Augustus Thursby, Clerk, Rector of Abington, in the county of Northampton, and Vicar of Penn, in the county of Stafford, by Frances, his wife, eldest of the two daughters of Henry Cressett-Pelham, of Crowhurst, in the county of Sussex, Esquire, and sister and co-heir of John Cressett-Pelham, late of Cound and Crowhurst aforesaid, Esquire, all deceased, Her royal licence and authority that he and his issue may take and henceforth use the surname of Pelham, in addition to and after that of Thursby, and that he and they may bear the arms of Pelham quarterly with those of Thursby ; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Herald's Office, otherwise the said royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect.

And also to command that the said royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

WHITEHALL, June 3, 1852.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto John Staveley, of the parish of Wales, in the county of York, Gentleman, Her royal licence and authority that he may, in compliance with a wish expressed in a clause contained in the last will and testament of John Shirt, late of Wales