

case the day so appointed shall fall on a Sunday, or on a day appointed for public fast or thanksgiving, then such one-third shall go out of office on the day next following.

5. That every person, at the time of his election as member of the said Local Board, and so long as he shall continue in office by virtue of such election, be resident, as in the said Public Health Act, 1848, is required, and be seized or possessed of real or personal estate, or both, to the value or amount of not less than three hundred pounds, or shall be so resident and rated to the relief of the poor of some parish, township, or place, of which some part is within the said district, upon an annual value of not less than six pounds.

6. That at the first election of the said Local Board of Health, the Reverend Joseph Mitton, Incumbent of Baildon, shall have the powers and perform the duties vested in or imposed upon the Chairman of the Local Board of Health by the Public Health Act, 1848, in relation to the election by owners of property and rate-payers, and shall perform all other duties which it may be requisite for him to perform in conducting and completing the said first election; and in case the said Joseph Mitton, from illness or other sufficient cause, shall be unable to exercise or discharge such powers or duties, or shall be absent, or shall refuse to act, then Samuel Clapham, Esq. of Esholt, shall exercise and perform such of the said powers and duties as then remain to be exercised or performed.

7. That the fourteen days' notice of qualification required by the Public Health Act, 1848, to be given by owners of property in order to entitle them to vote at the said first election, shall be given to the said Joseph Mitton, at the house of Mr John Ellison, Overseer, Westgate, within the district aforesaid; or in case he shall refuse, or be unable to receive the same, then to the said Samuel Clapham, at his counting-house, Prospect Mill, likewise within the said district of Baildon.

WM. L. BATHURST.

INDIA-BOARD, August 20, 1852.

THE following Dispatches have been received at the East India House:—

Lieutenant-General H. Godwin, C.B., Commanding the Forces in Ava, Arracan, and Tenasserim Provinces, to C. H. Allen, Esq. Secretary to the Government of India.

*Head Quarters, Rangoon,
June 9, 1852.*

(Extract.)

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Government, that on the morning of the 26th of May, Martaban was attacked by a Burmese force of 1000 or 1200 men, which was gallantly beaten back by the 49th Madras Native Infantry in garrison there, under the command of Major Hall. The operations are reported to me as follows:—

At about half-past six A.M. of the 26th of May the pickets at Martaban were fired on in a desultory manner by the enemy for upwards of an hour, when a strong skirmishing party, led by Captain Stuart, sufficed to dislodge them. Our loss has been very trifling; 1 private killed, and 1 subadar, 1 naick, and 11 privates wounded.

During the day a party was sent out by the officer commanding, to scour the country around,

but they met with no opposition, and the place had been unmolested up to the time of the last report. On the opening of the fire of our guns, the steam-frigate Feroze, which had 200 men of the 51st Light Infantry on board, landed part of them at Martaban, to aid in the defence of the place, and the remainder proceeded in boats up the river, and took the enemy in reverse and caused them considerable loss.

The troops appear to have behaved very well, and the exertions of Major Hall, who commanded the post; of Captains Rickards and Stewart, of the 49th Madras Native Infantry, who commanded the party that went to scour the country; and of Lieutenant Purvis, who commanded the Artillery, were very meritorious. Captain Lynch and the troops on board the Feroze, under Captain Anderson, were as usual prompt, and the good judgment displayed by the former officer tended to the complete confusion of the enemy.

I have had excellent accounts from Bassein, of the 31st of May, from Captain Darroch, whom I left in command of the place till the arrival of Major Roberts, of the 9th Madras Native Infantry. These are highly creditable to that officer, and to Lieutenant Craster, of the Bengal Engineers, and show what a few days' well-directed exertions may do in placing a post in a state of excellent defence.

Captain Darroch further reports that everything is quiet around Bassein; the enemy had left the neighbourhood, and the inhabitants were coming in, in numbers, to seek protection under our rule.

The head-men of twenty-six villages had come to tender services, and to bring provisions of all sorts for the troops.

I have also the honour to report, for the information of the Governor-General in Council, the operations of a small expedition which I detached against Pegu on the 3d instant, under the command of Major Cotton, of the 67th Regiment Native Infantry, to co-operate with Captain Tarleton, of Her Majesty's frigate Fox, in driving out a strong force either from Sitang or Baling, who had taken possession of that city, so lately filled with a friendly population, and where there was a large granary.

I enclose Major Cotton's own report of his operations, which show great promptitude, good judgment, and brave conduct in himself and the troops he commanded.

The particulars, as to the conduct of the officers and men, and also the cheerful assistance given by Captain Tarleton and his naval contingent, I feel assured the Governor-General in Council will appreciate most favourably.

In concluding my Dispatch, I have only to congratulate the Government on the continued good conduct of its troops, on their excellent health, and perfect state of discipline for any duty they may be called on to perform.

I have, &c.

H. GODWIN, Lieutenant-General.

Major H. Cotton to Captain Mayhew, Assistant Adjutant-General of the Burmah Field Force.

SIR, *Rangoon, June 9, 1852.*

AGREEABLY to instructions furnished me by Lieutenant-Colonel Sturt, commanding 67th Regiment Native Infantry, I embarked on board the East India Company's steamer Phlegethon, Captain Neblett, on the morning of the 3d instant, in command of a detachment of the strength men-