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INDIA-BOARD, August 21, 1852.

THE Dispatch, of which the following is an Extract, has been this day received at the East India-House:—

The Governor-General of India in Council to the Secret Committee.

(Extract.) *June 15, 1852.—No. 26.*

WE beg to refer the Committee to the Notification of the 5th instant, in which we have publicly expressed our sense of the promptitude, skill, and gallantry, displayed by Lieutenant-General Godwin, Commodore Lambert, and all the officers and men engaged in the combined operations against Bassein.

NOTIFICATION.

Fort William, June 5, 1852.

THE Governor-General in Council has the gratification of announcing the capture of Bassein, and of publishing, for general information, the Dispatches which report the combined operations of the naval and military force by which this service has been executed.

In ascending for sixty miles a river still very imperfectly known,—in effecting the landing of the troops and capturing the city, the fort, and the stockaded defences on both sides of the river, fully garrisoned and armed,—and in accomplishing all this with very unequal numbers, and within the limits of a single day,—the combined forces at Bassein performed a gallant and spirited service, which well deserves the approbation and applause of the Government of India.

To Major-General Godwin, C.B., and to Commodore Lambert, the Governor-General in Council has again the satisfaction of offering his cordial acknowledgments of the ability and good will with which they have united their exertions for ensuring success to the operations in which they were engaged.

The Governor-General in Council begs to repeat his thanks to Major Boulderson, Deputy Judge-Advocate-General, to Captain Latter, to Captain Chads, Aide-de-Camp, and to Lieutenant Ford, of the Madras Sappers, for their conduct in the field on this occasion.

His Lordship in Council desires especially to mark his sense of the services rendered by Major Errington, Her Majesty's 51st Light Infantry, commanding the detachment of troops at Bassein;

and to Commander Campbell, of the Indian Navy, by whom the stockade upon the right bank of the river was stormed and taken.

To Captain Rice, Captain Darroch, and Lieutenant Carter, of Her Majesty's 51st Light Infantry; to Lieutenant Ansley, 9th Madras Native Infantry; to Lieutenant Craster, Bengal Engineers; and to Doctor M'Cosh, of the Medical Department, the Governor-General in Council begs leave to convey his best thanks.

Equal acknowledgments are due to Lieutenant Rice, Royal Navy; to Lieutenant Elliott, and Lieutenant Nightingale, Royal Marines; to Commander Hewett, to Lieutenant Robinson, and Lieutenant Lewis, Indian Navy; and to Captain Dicey, Captain Burbank, and Mr F. Duncan, of the Bengal Marine, whose services have been commended.

The Governor-General in Council has particular satisfaction in adding the expression of his entire approbation of the gallantry and good conduct of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of Her Majesty's 51st Regiment, of the 9th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, of the Madras Sappers and Miners, and of the Seamen and Marines employed in the capture of the city of Bassein.

By order of the Most Noble the Governor-General of India in Council.

C. ALLEN, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.

WHITEHALL, August 21, 1852.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William Stuart Walker, Esq. Advocate, to be Secretary to the Board of Supervision for Relief of the Poor in Scotland, in the room of William Smythe, Esq. resigned.

DOWNING-STREET, August 24, 1852.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Boyle Travers Finniss, Esq. to be Colonial Secretary,—Robert R. Torrens, Esq. to be Colonial Treasurer and Registrar-General,—George Frederick Dashwood, Esq. to be Collector of Customs,—and Alexander Tolmer, Esq. to be Commissioner of Police, for the colony of South Australia.