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INDIA-BOARD, September 18, 1852.

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

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

(Extract.) *Fort-William, August 7, 1852.*

It is in the highest degree satisfactory to us to be enabled to report that the health of the troops on service in Burmah continues good.

Supplies are superabundant. An immense population has collected round Rangoon and Kemmaendine. They are quiet and manageable, and they exhibit the most perfect confidence in the troops of every description,—a testimony to the forbearance and good conduct of the force, which will be appreciated by you.

The advance of the steam flotilla on Prome, during which fifty-six pieces of artillery were captured from the enemy, is reported to you.

Commodore G. R. Lambert, R. N., to the Governor-General of India.

(Extract.) *Her Majesty's Ship Fox, at Rangoon, July 14, 1852.*

I HAVE the honour to forward to you a copy of a letter I have received from Commander Tarleton, of Her Majesty's Ship Fox, detailing the services he has performed while in charge of the flotilla in the Irrawaddy.

It gives me great pleasure to state, that gallant and valuable as these services have been, they are strictly in accordance with what I considered were your Lordship's wishes, namely, to gain a correct knowledge of the river as far as Prome, which had hitherto been so imperfectly described, and to dislodge and harass the enemy wherever they appeared, if practicable. How this service has been performed I leave to your judgment to decide, after your perusal of Commander Tarleton's letter.

You will perceive, without particularizing any individual under his command, how fully he appreciates the aid he received from all who partook in this gallant enterprise.

Commander J. W. Tarleton, R. N., to Commodore Lambert.

(Extract.) *Moniew, July 11, 1852.*

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that in pursuance of the Instructions contained in your

letter addressed to me on the 30th ultimo, I proceeded up the Irrawaddy as far as Yeagaim, where I anchored on the 7th instant, having been joined on the way by the East India Company's steamers Proserpine and Mahanuddy. This place is now deserted both by the enemy and its inhabitants; and we were thus compelled to procure our own fuel. While thus employed, the East India Company's steamer Phlegethon joined company; when, finding that she had coal sufficient to supply the other vessels, I immediately proceeded with the four steamers. At two P. M., when opposite to Kon-nonghee, a large number of armed men were observed collected on the bank. On a shell being fired amongst them, they immediately disappeared, either into the jungle, or some holes or trenches near the water's edge, whence they opened a most vigorous fire from five or six guns, and a vast number of muskets. I remained with the flotilla abreast their position for an hour, shelling the enemy to the best of our ability; but, protected as they were by the embankment, no decided impression could be made on them. I have no doubt that we could have carried the work by running one of the small steamers alongside, and throwing the small-arm men on shore, but this service could not have been performed without certain loss; and beyond spiking the guns there was no object to be gained, the jungle covering the bank offering a secure retreat to the Burmese, from which they would have returned as soon as we had re-embarked. I considered, therefore, that I should be more fully carrying out your Instructions in making this a reconnoitring force, by pushing forwards, without further attempt to dislodge the enemy, reported by the neighbouring inhabitants to be 1,500 strong. I have the honour to enclose a list of casualties on this occasion; they are confined to the Medusa, at which, as the leading vessel, the enemy's fire seems to have been principally directed.

At sunset the flotilla anchored off Meaoung; at daylight, on the 8th, it again weighed, and proceeded till within sight of an extensive fortification crowning the end of a ridge of hills about 300 feet high, terminating abruptly at the town of Akouk-toung (marked in the chart Peeinghee). Bandoola was reported to be here with 7,000 men, and a number of guns, differently stated from fifteen to forty. Having ascertained from the pilot that a passage might probably be found at