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## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1852.

INDIA-BOARD, December 2, 1852.

A DESPATCH, from which the following is an Extract, has this day been received at the East India House :--

From the Governor-General of India in Council to the Secret Committee of the East India Company, dated Fort-William, October 25, 1852.

From the General Order, and the Despatches published on the 23d instant, you will learn with satisfaction of the capture of Prome, on the 9th and 10th idem, with but a trifling loss on our side.

## GENERAL ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Fort-William, Foreign Departments October 23d, 1852.

THE Most Noble the Governor-General in Council has much gratification in publishing for general information, Despatches received from Commodore Lambert and from Major-General Godwin, which report the capture and occupation of the city of Prome, after some resistance, and with comparatively triffing loss.

or Prome, after some resistance, and the boats of Her tively trifling loss. The steam squadron and the boats of Her Majesty's ships conveying the troops upon the Irrawaddy, anchored off Prome on the 9th of October. A fire from the shore was silenced by the fire of the steamers and of the boats. The troops having been landed, drove the enemy, some three or four thousand strong, from the suburbs; and on subsequently advancing to the great pagoda and to the heights beyond, they found the position wholly abandoned by the Burman force.

The Governor-General in Council desires to express, in the strongest terms, his obligations to Commodore Lambert, for the care, the energy, and unwearied zeal which he has shown in directing the naval preparations for advance, and which have conduced so largely to the early and successful renewal of operations in the field.

His Lordship in Council begs to offer his thanks to Captain Loch, and to Commander Shadwell, for their conduct of the service on the river; and to Commander Rice, for his direction of the body of seamen upon shore.

His thanks are also due to Commander Campbell, of the Indian navy, whose merit has been acknowledged by the Commodore. The Governor-General in Council has viewed with high approbation the services of the officers and men, who, upon this occasion and for several months past, have been employed in boats upon the river, subjected to severe exposure, and engaged in harassing duties, which they have performed with the utmost alacrity and cheerfulness, and with conspicuous advantage to the public service.

To the officers, seamen, and marines of Her Majesty's ships, of the Indian navy, and of the Bengal marine, who have been serving upon the Irrawaddy, and to Commander Tarleton, who long commanded them, the Governor-General in Council is desirous of offering his hearty thanks.

The Governor-General in Council has in like manner to assure Major-General Godwin of the satisfaction with which he has viewed the skill and judgment by which the Major-General enabled the troops to obtain possession of an important post without delay, and with but little loss. To Major Mayhew, Deputy Adjutant-General; to Major Allan, Deputy Quarter-Master-General;

To Major Mayhew, Deputy Adjutant-General; to Major Allan, Deputy Quarter-Master-General; to Captain Smith, Interpreter; to Captain Burne, Military Secretary; and Captain Chads, A. D. C. the Governor-General in Council tenders his thanks.

Especially to Captain Christie and to Captain Welsh, of Her Majesty's 80th Regiment, for the gallant manner in which they led their men to the attack, and to all the officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers of the force, the Governor-General in Council desires to give assurance of his cordial approbation.

While thus congratulating the naval and military forces on the first result of their advance, the Governor-General in Council feels it to be due to the memory of an old and gallant sailor, that he should add a public expression of the deep regret with which he has received intimation of the death of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships in the Indian Seas.

Majesty's Ships in the Indian Seas. Although Admiral Austen did not survive to witness the successful conclusion of the operations in which he had shared, the Governor-General in Council desires to record his admiration of the staunch high spirit which, notwithstanding his age and previous suffering, had led the Rear-Admiral to take his part in the trying service which has closed his career.

His Excellency Rear-Admiral Austen has afforded to the Government of India at all times a cordial and constant aid.

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