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FOREIGN-OFFICE, June 16, 1854.

IT is hereby notified that a communication has been received by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, from Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Napier, commanding Her Majesty's Naval Forces in the Baltic, dated Hangö Bay, 28th May 1854, informing their Lordships that the ports of Libau and Windau, on the coast of Courland, and other ports, roads, havens, or creeks, from lat. 55° 53' north, to as far north as Cape Dager Ort, including the ports of Riga, Pernau, and all other ports, roads, havens, or creeks in the Gulf of Riga, were then in a state of Blockade by a competent force.

That all ports, roads, havens, or creeks, eastward from Cape Dager Ort, including Hapsal, Wormsö Island, Port Baltic, Revel, and other intermediate ports on the coast of Esthonia, as far as Ekholm Light [situated in lat. 59° 43' north, longitude 25° 48' east]; and from thence in a north-west direction as far as Helsingfors and Sveaborg, on the coast of Finland; continuing westward, Barö Sound, Hangö Head, Orö, and Abo, including the Aland Archipelago and intermediate ports; from thence north, including Nystad, Biorneborg, Christinestadt, Vasa, Walgrund Islands, Little Carleby, Iacobstad, Great Carleby, Lahts, Kulawki, Brahestad, Uleaborg, Karle Island, Tio, Gestila, Tornea, Ned. Tornea, [situated in lat. (about) 65° 50' north, longitude 24° 15' east], and all intermediate Russian ports, roads, havens, and creeks in the Gulf of Bothnia, and all the before-mentioned ports and places, are and were then in a state of strict Blockade by a competent force.

And it is hereby further notified that all the measures authorised by the laws of Nations and the respective Treaties between Her Majesty and the different Neutral Powers, will be adopted and executed with respect to all vessels which may attempt to violate the said Blockade.

ADMIRALTY, June 14, 1854.

DESPATCHES, of which the following are Copies, have been received from Rear-Admiral Sir James Stirling, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the East Indian and China Station :—

No. 23. *Barracouta, Singapore,*
SIR, *April 26, 1854.*

1. I TRANSMIT herewith, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the

accompanying communications, as per schedule, from Captain O'Callaghan, of Her Majesty's ship Encounter.

These communications contain the particulars of a very serious conflict between considerable numbers of the Chinese Imperialist soldiers, employed in the siege of Shanghai, and the naval force commanded by Captain O'Callaghan, in conjunction with the commander of the United States' sloop of war, Plymouth, and assisted by a body of volunteers from the factories in that vicinity.

2. The operations reported by Captain O'Callaghan appear to have originated in the necessity for taking vigorous measures for the defence of the British and other factories, and to have led eventually to the seizure of the Chinese war-junks, and to the expulsion of the Chinese soldiers from the camps they occupied contiguous to the borders of the settlement.

3. I regret that it is not in my power to afford their Lordships any further official information on this subject, beyond that which is contained in Captain O'Callaghan's Reports, herewith transmitted.

4. In bringing this subject to their Lordships' notice, I beg to point attention to the very gallant conduct evinced by Captain O'Callaghan, and by all the officers, seamen, and marines engaged. The conduct of Commander the Honourable G. D. Keane, and of Lieutenants Dew and Majendie, and of a party of ten Marines, who resolutely withstood the attack of an enormously superior force, is particularly commended by Captain O'Callaghan, and I trust it may be considered such as to merit some mark of their Lordships' favour and approval.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JAMES STIRLING,
Rear-Admiral, Commander-in-Chief.

The Secretary to the Admiralty.

Enclosure No. 1, in No. 23.

Her Majesty's Steam-Sloop Encounter,
Shanghai, April 4, 1854.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that a collision has taken place between the Imperialist forces before the city of Shanghai and ourselves, under the following circumstances.