

Sub-Enclosure No. 2, in Enclosure No. 1, in
Sir Charles Napier's Letter No. 151.

*Her Majesty's ship Leopard,
off Uleaborg, June 1, 1854.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the enclosed report from Lieutenant Benjamin P. Priest, (senior Lieutenant of this ship,) of the operations of the boats of the squadron under his command, sent into Brahestad harbour on the 30th ultimo; and have great pleasure in reporting the very good conduct of every officer and man employed; the boats having been away upwards of seven hours, immediately after clearing the ice in which the squadron had been blocked up for the previous twenty-four hours.

Lieutenant Priest deserves credit for the able manner he conducted the operations, and I beg leave to bring his services under your notice.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE GIFFARD,
Captain.

Rear-Admiral J. Hanway Plumridge.

*Her Majesty's ship Leopard, off Brahestad,
May 30, 1854.*

SIR,

IN obedience to your orders, I this afternoon proceeded with detachments of boats from Her Majesty's steam frigates Leopard, Vulture, and Odin, into the harbour of Brahestad, where I damaged enemy's property as follows:—

Burnt on shore and totally destroyed, viz:—

Four large vessels, building and nearly complete, on the stocks, the largest being about 500 tons burden, and pierced for six guns.

Three detached stores of timber, fit for building ships of large scantling.

Two detached storehouses, containing some thousand barrels of pitch, tar, and oil, a large number of them marked with the imperial crown.

Burnt afloat and totally destroyed:—

1 barque just launched, not masted, about 450 tons burden.

1 brig under repair.

1 topsail schooner.

2 fore and aft schooners.

5 sloops.

All in ballast.

As the inhabitants yielded immediately to our force, I was very careful not to damage the private houses; at the same time I satisfied myself, by personal inspection, that there was no contraband of war within those storehouses, which were situated in the immediate vicinity of and inside the town, which I did not destroy.

Two large stores, on the outskirts of the town, were found to contain flour; these were not destroyed, as I had reason for supposing it to be private property.

All the officers placed under my orders vied with me in preventing unnecessary alarm to the inhabitants; and I feel it to be my duty to report the alacrity, great steadiness, and good conduct shown by all the officers and seamen employed on this service.

It is almost superfluous to add that the royal marines under Lieutenant Thelwall, R.M.A., showed their admirable discipline.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BENJ. P. PRIEST,
Senior and Gunnery Lieut.

Captain Giffard, H.M.S. Leopard.

Destruction of Enemy's Property.

P.S. Being in all 14 vessels destroyed.

About 25,000 barrels of pitch, tar, and oil.

A large quantity of timber, spars, plank, and materials for ship-building.

Three building yards, with workshops and storehouses.

Boats employed on the 30th May, 1854.

Her Majesty's ship Leopard.

2d Cutter—

Lieutenant B. P. Priest.

1st Cutter—

Lieutenant Hammet (next in command).
Mr Harrington, midshipman.

1st Launch—

Mr Payne, mate.
Lieutenant Thelwall, R.M.A.

Pinnace—

Mr Lawrence, second master.

1st Gig—

Mr Wall, assistant-surgeon.
Mr Palliser, naval cadet.

Her Majesty's ship Vulture.

1st Launch—

Lieutenant Wise.
Mr Hill, mate.

Barge—

Mr Morphy, mate.
Mr Chapman, master's assistant.

Gig—

Mr Duncan, assistant-surgeon.
Mr Butler, naval cadet.

Cutter—

Mr Fortescue, midshipman.

Her Majesty's ship Odin.

1st Launch—

Lieutenant Mould.
Lieutenant Lewis, R.M.A.
Mr Montagu, mate.

Pinnace—

Lieutenant Carrington.
Mr Long, acting quartermaster.

Cutter—

Mr Athorpe, midshipman.

1st Gig—

Mr Hamilton, assistant-surgeon.
Mr Rice, naval cadet.

2d Gig—

Mr Salmond, naval cadet.

Total.

3 gun-boats, each with 24-pounder howitzer.
3 gun-boats, each with 12-pounder howitzer.
25 officers.
201 seamen.
78 marines.

Grand Total.

6 gun-boats.
8 smaller boats.
25 officers, and
279 men.