

masked batteries and gun-boats. Only one of the former, at the end of the boom, mounted a gun or guns of large calibre and long range, but which was concealed from our view by a point of land. The others, three in number, about one mile to the west of the boom, as far as we could judge, did not in any one case mount more than five, or less than three small guns. A fort, of apparently eight or nine large guns, at a distance, constructed to enfilade both passages, fired repeatedly, but the shot invariably fell a very short distance beyond the south end of Little Beckholm.

8. As my object was not to attack Abo, but to examine its defences, I contented myself with firing a shot occasionally at the gun-boats, or whatever looked like a masked battery. In the meantime Commander Otter, in the most zealous and gallant manner, after going as close as it was prudent in the Alban, pulled in with his gig, sounding just within range of the gun-boats and batteries, which were all the time keeping up a constant fire.

9. The sum of the information I have been able to obtain with his assistance, and that of Commanders Cracroft and Hobart, amounts to this—seventeen row-boats, two guns each, and about twenty oars on each side, four steam-vessels (all small), two having the flag with cross anchors in it, and another was observed steaming away through the Channel, to the eastward of Beckholm. Three (if not four) masked batteries, and another I think in course of construction, for the position of which I refer you to the very clear delineation executed by Commander Otter.

10. The Channel appears to be very narrow, and the thick woods were evidently full of soldiers. We learnt that our arrival had been anticipated (as we expected, knowing that we had been watched by a steamer for some days), and that four thousand additional troops had been sent on the previous day, and five thousand more were expected to arrive on the following day; that there were six steamers—five small and one large, (the latter we did not see,)—and eighteen boats and two guns, and eighty men besides soldiers, in each.

The weather was so bad on Thursday that I was detained under Bergo, and went into Bomarsund this morning; when, having communicated with Captain Warden, and received his Despatches, I proceeded to join your flag.

I have only to add my very anxious hope that my proceedings may meet with the approbation of the Commander-in-Chief.

I have, &c.,

FRANCIS SCOTT,  
Captain.

*Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Napier, K.C.B.,  
Commander-in-Chief, &c., &c., &c.*

Enclosure No. 2, in Sir Charles Napier's Letter,  
No. 410.

*Her Majesty's Ship Odin, Led Sund,  
August 25, 1854.*

SIR,

In returning to your flag from detached service, with the squadron you did me the honour to place under my orders, it is my gratifying duty to express to you how well and ably I have been supported by Commanders Otter, Cracroft, and Hobart, in their respective ships, during my late examination of Abo and its defences, and engagement with the batteries and gun-boats at that place, and I beg to offer my humble testimony to their ability, zeal, and great exertions during a week of very difficult and harassing duties.

I desire most particularly to call your attention to the services performed by Commander Otter during that time. Nothing but the most unceasing and laborious efforts of a clever, indefatigable, and zealous officer could have performed the duties I required of him, and which alone enabled me to obtain the information herewith enclosed, and to examine a place so difficult of access and so little known as Abo, in the limited time to which I was restricted by you.

Under the above circumstances, upon public grounds, and for the advantage of the Naval Service, which I know you have so much at heart, I beg to urge your recommendation of that officer, and Lieutenant William Mould, senior and gunnery lieutenant of this ship, to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for that promotion their constant and valuable services have so long entitled them to expect and hope for.

I have, &c.,

FRANCIS SCOTT,  
Captain.

*Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Napier, K.C.B.,  
&c., &c., &c.*

DOWNING-STREET, September 4, 1854. A

The Queen has been pleased to appoint George Coles, Esq. to be Colonial Secretary; James Warburton, Esq. to be Treasurer; Joseph Hensley, Esq. to be Attorney-General; Dennis O'Meara, Esq. to be Solicitor-General; and William Swabey, Esq. to be Registrar of Deeds and Keeper of Plans for the Island of Prince Edward.

WHITEHALL, September 4, 1854. U.S.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend William Kerr to the Church and Parish of New Luce, in the Presbytery of Stranraer, and county of Wigtown, vacant by the death of the Reverend William McKergo.

ADMIRALTY, September 4, 1854.

In consideration of the successful operations against Bomarsund, the following Naval Promotions have taken place, dated the 29th ultimo:

To be Captain.

Commander Honourable Arthur Auckland  
Cochrane.

To be Commanders.

Lieutenant Donald M'Leod M'Kenzie.  
Lieutenant George Henry Clarke.  
Lieutenant Thomas Davies, (B).  
Lieutenant Francis Arden Close.

To be Lieutenants.

Mr Henry Lushington Comyn Robinson.  
Mr Charles Smith.  
Honourable Ernest Grey Lambton Cochrane.

To be Surgeons.

Mr Daniel John Duigan.  
Mr Seaton Wade.

To be Boatswain.

Mr John Farrell, Boatswain's Mate.

The Board have further directed the promotions of the undermentioned Officers, contingent on their passing the required examinations:

Mr David Orr,  
Mr Leveson Wildman, } to be Lieutenants.

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