

OPERATIONS IN THE STRAITS OF KERTCH.

SIR,

*Royal Albert, Straits,
June 2, 1855.*

In my letter, No. 398, of the 26th ult. I stated that we had captured fifty of the enemy's guns. It now appears that more than a hundred guns have fallen into our hands in the different sea defences, many of them of heavy calibre, and remarkably well cast. Those which may not be required for the land defences which the Allied Armies are now constructing, will be shipped and sent to England and France.

It has been ascertained from the Custom-House returns that the enemy, on evacuating Kertch on the 24th ultimo, destroyed 4,166,000 lbs. of corn and 508,000 lbs. of flour. This quantity, taken together with what has been destroyed by the Allied Squadrons in the Sea of Azof, comprises nearly four months' rations for an army of a hundred thousand men; and it seems that shortly before our arrival the enemy had commenced sending towards Sevastopol daily convoys of about fifteen hundred waggons, each containing half a ton weight of grain or flour.

4. Sir George Brown confidently expects that by the 7th instant Enikalé will be in such a state of defence as fully to justify his leaving it in charge of the Ottoman troops now here, under the command of Hadji Reschid Pacha, and that the British and French forces will be at liberty to proceed to the attack of Anapa and Soujak Kaleh, in order to drive the enemy out of his last holds on the coast of Circassia.

I am, &c.,

E. LYONS,
Rear-Admiral.*To the Secretary of the Admiralty.*

FOREIGN-OFFICE, June 9, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr Antoine Ernest Bresson as Consul at Gibraltar for the Emperor of the French.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr Carlos Crawford Dick as Vice-Consul at Glasgow for the Oriental Republic of the Uruguay.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
June 12, 1855.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Rio de Janeiro, enclosing the translation of an extract from a report of the Head of the Pilotage Department of Rio Grande do Sul, relative to the state of the Bar at that Port, copies of which are subjoined.

(Copy.)

*Rio de Janeiro,
April 13, 1855.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour of transmitting herewith an extract, in copy and translation, from a report of the Head of the Pilotage Department of Rio Grande do Sul, relative to the state of the Bar at that Port, which has been communicated to me by the Brazilian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Viscount Abaeté. In a circular note, dated the 10th instant. The information contained in this extract, and which his Excellency appears to wish should be made known to foreign commerce, relates to the draught of water which should not be exceeded by vessels frequenting the port of Rio Grande in the present state of the Bar.

In the same note Viscount Abaeté acquaints me that His Majesty the Emperor has sent Lieutenant-Colonel Jardim, of the Engineers, to Rio Grande, to study and propose the means which may be employed for satisfying the want experienced by that Province, of a permanent and accessible entrance to the vessels employed in commerce with it; and that the Imperial Government awaits the report of that officer in order to take measures which may tend to facilitate that commerce.

Having communicated to Viscount Abaeté, for the consideration of the Imperial Government, the copy of a letter transmitted to me by Mr Consul Vereker, which was addressed on the 15th ultimo to the President of the Province of Rio Grande do Sul, by the principal members of the consular body at that port, suggesting various ameliorations in the arrangements concerning the Bar, his Excellency has repeated to me in a note, dated the 11th instant, his above-mentioned statement relative to Colonel Jardim's mission, adding that he is persuaded that the latter officer will not fail to take into due consideration the measures proposed in that representation.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HENRY F. HOWARD.
*The Earl of Clarendon, K.G.,
&c., &c., &c.*

(Copy.)

Extract from the Report of Lieutenant Rodrigo Antonio de Lamare, Harbour Master of the Port of Rio Grande de Sm. Pedro do Sul, respecting the Bar of that Port.

(Translation.)

"The only means of which the commercial body can avail itself, until an improvement is effected at the Bar, is that of employing vessels which do not draw more than 14 to 15 palms* of water, because the Bar when smooth, and at the full, never exceeds 16 to 16½ palms† depth of water, and that is not always the case; whereas, when the waters diminish, the quantity on the Bar is reduced to 11 and 12 palms,‡ besides which the rapidity of the flow and ebb is most extraordinary, so that frequently the transition from very low to high water on the Bar takes place in 15 minutes."

Pontal, at the Bar of Rio Grande do Sul, 15th January 1855.

(Signed)

RODRIGO ANTONIO DE LAMARE,
First Lieutenant in charge of the Pilotage of the Bar.*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
June 12, 1855.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Rotterdam, inclosing a Notice to Mariners issued by the Netherland Minister of Marine, a translation of which is subjoined.

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Marine Department.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

THE Minister of Marine hereby gives notice, that in consequence of the depth of water on the

* 10 ft. 6 inches to 11 ft. 3 inches.
† 12 ft. to 12 ft. 4½ inches.
‡ 8 ft. 3 inches to 9 ft.

