

treme violence of the wind prevented my getting the vessels into position before the evening of the 29th, and the depth of water would not admit of the Topaze's being hauled sufficiently close to batter it with advantage, her fire was however useful in keeping in check that of the enemy from the different batteries in the town; and the brisk one preserved by the cruisers required no addition to obtain the desired end.

During the days of the 27th, 28th, and 29th, we had been partially engaging, and on the 30th at sun rise again opened our cannonade with effect, answering in description to that practised before. It was returned from the south fort, bunda, five gun, and south mosque batteries. At thirty minutes past nine the enemy to the number of two hundred or three hundred were constrained to retire, as formerly, under a galling fire of grape.

The different detachments were again landed under the command of Lieutenant Moriarty, whom I sent on shore for that purpose; and at thirty minutes past ten, by hoisting His Majesty's colours, I observed he had gained possession of it.

The work of destruction was once more proceeded in, and perfected a few minutes before one, by the explosion of five fougasses which had been sprang, reducing the fort entirely to a heap of rubbish. The Thames was employed throwing shells (in consequence of Lieutenant Jacob having been severely wounded), under the superintendance of Mr. Russel. On the morning of the 31st the enemy commenced firing from all the town batteries at the squadron, and a partial engagement was sustained. As I however had no longer any object in exposing the squadron, I ordered the cruisers and bomb out of range, and in the afternoon shifted the Topaze out also.

The submission of the enemy relieved me from any embarrassment as to my further proceedings. Ameer Fathullah, who had been particularly deputed by the Imaum to treat with us, arrived on the 26th and assumed the Government of Mocha. Having evidenced the inutility of opposing us, and foreseen the ruin impending over his country, through the removal of its trade, and the interruption of its supplies, he began to consider it wiser to adopt every means of regaining our friendship, and with a view of obtaining this end, sent off, on the 1st instant, a deputation of merchants to entreat a cessation of hostilities, and at the same time to say, if acceded to, he would himself come off the next morning to wait on Captain Bruce and shew the powers under which he was authorised to act.

The returns of the killed and wounded you will receive herewith. I rejoice to say they are not so severe as might have been expected from the opposition we experienced; and the wounded, through the skill and attention of Mr. Foy, Surgeon, and Mr. Porteous, Assistant, are all doing well.

I have great pleasure in acquainting you of the cordiality which has subsisted between Captain Bruce and myself, and the great benefit the public service has derived from his aid.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JNO. R. LUMLEY, Captain.
To Rear-Admiral the Honourable Sir
Henry Blackwood, Bart. and K. C. B.
Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

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A Return of the Killed and Wounded on board the Ships and Vessels of the Squadron employed on the Expedition under the Command of Captain John Richard Lumley, of His Majesty's Ship Topaze, in the Attack against Mocha, on the 4th of December 1820.

Topaze.

Lieutenant R. G. Atkinson, royal marines, killed.
Mr. C. P. Gill, master's mate, ditto.
Mr. F. S. Burnett, midshipman; ditto.
Lieutenant William Moriarty, royal navy, wounded.
Lieutenant C. M. M. Wright, ditto, ditto.
Mr. Alexander Morton, boatswain, ditto.
Mr. Robert Ward, Admiralty midshipman, ditto severely, since dead.
Mr. William Stephens, ditto, wounded.
William Neil, boatswain's mate, ditto.
John Brennon, quartermaster, ditto.
William Stewart, ditto, ditto.
1 seaman killed, 10 wounded; 5 severely, 2 of the latter since dead.

East India Company's Cruisers and Artillery.

2 seamen, 2 of the Bombay artillery, killed; 1 seaman, 3 quarter gunners, 1 private of native artillery, 4 sepoys, wounded.

Total—8 killed, 27 wounded.

Additional Return of Killed and Wounded on board the Squadron employed as above mentioned, in the Attacks which took place between the 26th and 31st of December, inclusive.

Topaze.

1 private marine killed; 5 seamen wounded.

East India Company's Cruisers and Artillery.

Lieutenant H. Wilson, of the Company's marine, wounded severely.
Lieutenant William Jacob, of the Bombay artillery, ditto.
3 seamen wounded.
Total—1 killed, 10 wounded.

AT the Court at Carlton-House, the 17th of September 1821,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty in Council this day declaring His intention of going out of the kingdom for a short time, was pleased to nominate the following persons to be Lords Justices for the administration of the Government during His Majesty's absence:

His Royal Highness Frederick Duke of York,
Charles Lord Archbishop of Canterbury,
John Earl of Eldon, Lord Chancellor,
Dudley Earl of Harrowby, Lord President,
John Earl of Westmorland, Lord Privy Seal,