

I intend to send the Cruiser to Barbara for water, and I shall leave this place as soon as tranquillity is restored and measures are taken for the security of the troops.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. SMITH, Captain Commanding the Expedition.

His Excellency Rear-Admiral F. L. Maitland, L. G. C. B. &c. East Indies.

Honourable Company's Sloop of War Coote
Sir, Aden Back Bay, January 16, 1839.

ALL negotiations with the Chieftains of the Abdalla tribe having failed in bringing them to perform their written promise of transferring Aden to the British, and their having declared war by opening fire on the Honourable Company's sloop of war Coote, and her boats; in fact, after all reasoning and every strenuous endeavour has been exerted on the part of the Bombay Government to bring the deceitful and dishonourable tribe to their senses by mild and conciliating measures, have proved unavailing; I am under the necessity (as the last and only resource left to obtain satisfaction for the repeated insult offered to the British), to solicit force may be used to compel them to evacuate the ground ceded to the British under their Sultan's seal, in January 1838.

2dly. I have, therefore, the honour to request that you will, with the squadron under your command, in co-operation with the troops under the command of Major Baillie, adopt such measures for the immediate capture and occupation of Aden, as may appear to you both best calculated to obtain it.

3dly. I take the liberty of pointing out that many of the poor inhabitants of Aden have been compelled by the Chieftains to remain there, consisting principally of Jews, Banians, and Zoories; I therefore earnestly solicit that, if possible, their lives be preserved.

4th. I also beg, that if fortune should place the Sultan or his Sons, any Chieftains or Seids, in our possession, that their lives be spared; and that any individual so captured be secured to await future decision regarding them.

5th. Having a perfect knowledge of the localities of the place, I shall feel most happy to afford you any information on the subject; and if, from a thorough knowledge of the bay and anchorages, my services or advice be advantageous, I shall feel proud to accompany the commander of any vessel or squadron in taking up a close position for the destruction of their strongest battery.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. B. HAINES, Political Agent.

To Captain Smith, Her Majesty's Ship Volage, Senior Officer, Aden.

Return of Brass and Iron Ordnance captured at Aden, on the 19th January 1839.

In Battery, on Carriages.

1 brass eighty-five pounder.
1 brass sixty-eight pounder.
1 brass thirty-two pounder, dismantled by fire of the squadron.
4 iron eighteen pounders, dismantled by fire of the squadron.
2 iron twelve pounders.
5 iron nine pounders, dismantled and thrown into the sea by sailors.
5 iron six pounders.
1 iron four pounder.
5 iron three pounders.

Not in Battery.

1 brass eighty-nine pounder.
6 iron six pounders.
1 iron four pounder.
Total=33 guns.

3000 pounds of powder.
1200 shot of sizes (85 stone).
88 grape shot.
2 pigs of lead.
114 matchlocks.

(Signed) W. WILLOUGHBY, Captain, commanding Artillery, Aden Force.

Veneris, 22^o die Martii 1839.

WHEREAS at the last election for the borough of Carlow, Francis Bruen, Esq. was returned a Member to serve in Parliament for the said borough;

And whereas three petitions, severally complaining of an undue election and return for the said borough, have been presented to the House of Commons, and which said petitions were appointed to be taken into consideration by the said House upon Thursday the 11th day of April next;

And whereas also the said Francis Bruen, Esq. hath this day informed the said House, by a declaration in writing subscribed by him, and delivered in at the table of the said House, that it is not his intention to defend his said election or return, and, in consequence thereof, the consideration of the said petitions hath been deferred until Tuesday the 30th day of April next, at three of the clock in the afternoon;

I do, therefore, hereby give this notice thereof, in pursuance of the directions of an Act, passed in the ninth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the trial of controverted elections or returns of Members to serve in Parliament."

Given under my hand this 22d day of March 1839,

J. ABERCROMBY, Speaker.