

and carried the heights with their accustomed bravery.

The distance of the transports prevented the 26th (Cameronian) Regiment from being sent on shore at the same moment with the Marines, but they were promptly after them; and the detachment of that distinguished corps, under Major Johnston, assisted in clearing the remaining batteries, and dispersing the enemy.

From Captain Smith, of Her Majesty's ship *Druid*, I received the most able support. That ship was placed with excellent judgment, and her conduct such as was to be expected from her high state of discipline. This island being now completely in our possession, I left the *Druid* to protect it, and pushed the *Modeste* and *Blonde* into the inner harbour, silencing their war-junks and batteries on the opposite shore as we passed; and I have herewith the honour to enclose a return of the vessels captured and ordnance destroyed. The officers and crew of this ship merit my highest praise, as well as the party of Royal Artillery serving on board under the command of Lieutenant the Hon. R. E. Spencer. I should be wanting in justice were I to close this letter without bringing to your notice the merits of Lieutenant Sir Frederick Nicholson, first of this ship, to whose valuable assistance I am much indebted; and I must also beg to name to your Excellency the senior mates of this ship, Messrs. Walker, Rolland, and Anderson, young officers of much promise.

I have great pleasure in adding that this service was performed without loss of life on our part, although the ships have suffered considerably in their masts, sails, and rigging.

The captains of the *Druid* and *Modeste* speak in the highest terms of their officers and ships' companies. I enclose the report of Captain Ellis, of the Royal Marines.

(Signed) T. BOURCHIER, Captain.

To his Excellency Rear-Admiral Sir W. Parker,
K. C. B. &c. &c. &c.

(Enclosure in Captain Bouchier's Letter.)

Military Quarters Royal Marines, Island of Golong-soo, near Amoy, Aug. 27, 1841.

Sir.—Having yesterday received your directions to land from Her Majesty's ship *Blonde* and *Druid* under your orders, the detachments of Royal Marines of the ships *Wellesley*, *Blenheim*, *Blonde*, *Druid*, and *Modeste*, and drive the enemy from the strong battery of Golong-soo you had previously engaged, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Rear-Admiral Sir William Parker, K. C. B., Commander-in-Chief, that in furtherance of that object I landed with them on a sandy beach to the right of the battery, and, after some difficulty in climbing rocks and other impediments, succeeded in gaining the ridge, and the flank of the Chinese position.

The enemy, before we had gained the level, opposed us courageously, attacking us with matchlocks, spears, and stones; but we soon drove them before us, cleared the battery, and dispersed them, the garrison retreating to the rear, many of whom effected

their escape by boats on the beach to Amoy opposite. Several men were killed in and about the battery. In following the retreating party (some of whom also were wounded) I made a detour of this large and populous island, and discovered at its western extremity a sandbag battery of nine guns, and a few gingals; they were also loaded, but did not appear to have been recently discharged. No other armed party of the enemy was fallen in with. I am happy to add, that in these operations no casualty happened to the detachment I have the honour to command; moreover, I have great pride in reporting to you that all the officers, non-commissioned officers, rank and file, throughout the day, conducted themselves, individually as well as collectively, with a courage, zeal, and perseverance, far beyond my power to express.

(Signed) S. B. ELLIS, Captain Royal Marines;

To Captain Bouchier, H. M. S. *Blonde*.

Field State of Battalion Royal Marines, Island Golong-soo, Harbour of Amoy, August 27, 1841.

Wellesley—1 subaltern, 1 serjeant, 42 rank and file. Total 44.

Blenheim—2 subalterns, 1 serjeant, 31 rank and file.—Total 34.

Blonde—2 subalterns, 2 serjeants, 1 fifer, 26 rank and file. Total 31.

Druid—2 subalterns, 2 serjeants, 1 fifer, 42 rank and file.—Total 47.

Modeste—1 serjeant, 15 rank and file.—Total 16.

General Total—172.

Officers.

Blonde—First Lieutenant Hewitt.

Druid—First Lieutenant Maxwell.

Wellesley—First Lieutenant Ussher.

Blenheim—Lieutenant Whiting.

Blenheim—Lieutenant Farmar.

Druid—Lieutenant Pickard.

Blonde—Lieutenant Polkinghorne.

Adjutant—First Lieutenant Maxwell.

Wellesley—Assistant-Surgeon Smith.

Blonde—Assistant-Surgeon Stanley.

(Signed) S. B. ELLIS, Captain Royal Marines.

(Enclosure No. 3.)

A Return of Killed and Wounded on board Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels, and the Honourable East India Company's Steam Vessels, under the command of Rear-Admiral Sir William Parker, K. C. B. in Action with the Batteries and Defences of the Islands of Amoy and Golong-soo.

Wellesley—Mr. S. S. L. Crofton, Mate, severely wounded; 1 seaman severely wounded.

Blenheim—1 seaman killed; 1 boy severely wounded (since dead).

Modeste—1 seaman slightly wounded.