

manner with which they volunteered to perform any service that I thought necessary.

I have the honour to be, &c.

JAMES J. McCLEVERTY, Lieutenant,  
R. N. Commanding.

To Rear-Admiral Sir William Parker,  
&c. &c. &c.

*A Return of Killed and Wounded belonging to Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels in Action with the Enemy on Shore, at Tze-Kee, on the 15th of March 1842.*

CORNWALLIS.

*Killed.*

1 serjeant royal marines.

*Wounded.*

First Lieutenant George Elliot, R. M. slightly.  
First Lieutenant A. J. B. Hambly, R. M. severely.  
Mr. George H. Hodgson, Mate, slightly.  
Mr. Charles K. Jackson, Mate, slightly.  
1 seaman dangerously, 6 privates, royal marines, severely.

BLONDE.

*Killed.*

1 seaman, 1 private royal marine.

*Wounded.*

1 private royal marine, severely.

HYACINTH.

*Killed—None.*

*Wounded.*

1 private royal marine severely.

MODESTE.

*Killed—None.*

*Wounded.*

1 private royal marine severely.

COLUMBINE.

*Killed—None.*

*Wounded.*

1 private royal marine severely.

Total killed—3.

Total wounded—15.

*Names of the Officers who were with the Advanced Party in the Assault of the Encamped Hill of Seogan, near Tze-Kee, on the 15th March 1842.*

Captain T. Bouchier, H. M. S. Blonde.  
Captain P. Richards, H. M. S. Cornwallis.  
Commander R. B. Watson, H. M. S. Modeste.  
Lieutenant Charles E. Tennant (Flag Lieutenant),  
H. M. S. Cornwallis.  
First Lieutenant George Elliot, Royal Marines,  
H. M. S. Cornwallis.

First Lieutenant A. J. B. Hambly, Royal Marines,  
H. M. S. Cornwallis.

Mr. George H. Hodgson, Mate, H. M. S. Cornwallis.

Mr. Henry D. P. Cunningham, Secretary's Clerk,  
H. M. S. Cornwallis.

Mr. William Bowden, Volunteer 1st class, H. M. S. Cornwallis.

Lieutenant James Fitzjames and Mr. Charles Keats Jackson, Mate of the Cornwallis, were ordered to cover the advance with rockets, and afterwards mounted the hill on the right, before the enemy had quitted that part of it.

(Signed) W. PARKER, Rear Admiral.

*Cornwallis, at Chusan,  
April 25, 1842.*

SIR,

I REQUEST you will inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that an abortive attempt was made by the Chinese to set fire to Her Majesty's ships and transports in the harbour of Tinghae, and the adjoining anchorage, at Chusan, on the night of the 14th instant.

About 10 P. M. I received information from Captain Dennis, the Military Magistrate of Tinghae, which he had just obtained from his scouts, that fire rafts, formed of large boats, prepared with powder and other combustible materials, well assorted for the purpose, were supposed to be on their way from Singkong, a small harbour about three leagues to the north west of this position.

An hour had scarcely elapsed, when several fire rafts were discovered in flames, on the opposite or eastern side of the harbour, and drifting towards the shipping, while others approached between the islands of Macclesfield and Trumball, on the south side, where the Nemesis steam vessel had been for some days undergoing repair, others attempted to enter the anchorage occupied by the ships of war to the northward of Sea Island, and some even to the southward of that island, in which latter direction the Jupiter was moored.

The boats of the ships of war named in the margin,\* and of the transports in the harbour, were all on the alert, and, by the active exertions of the officers and men of all ranks, the whole of the fire boats, amounting to between fifty and sixty, which were for the most part chained together in small numbers of from three to five, were grappled with and towed clear of the ships without difficulty or doing the slightest injury.

While this was passing, Lieutenant Wise, of the Cornwallis, proceeded with a small division of boats in search of the fire boats expected on the west side from Sing Kong, and succeeded in discovering them to the number of thirty anchored off a beach outside Bell Island, waiting for the turn of tide to advance on the ships of war, these were also completely destroyed, and on the following morning the Nemesis and Phlegethon were dis-

\* Cornwallis, Hyacinth, Starling, Bentinck, Jupiter, Nemesis, Phlegethon, steam vessels.