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Admiralty, February 27, 1846.

DISPATCHES were this day received at this Office from Rear-Admiral Inglefield, addressed to the Right Honourable Henry T. L. Corry, of which the following are copies:

H. M. Ship Vernon, off Monte Video,
SIR, 30th November 1845.

MY letters of the 30th October, No. 78, and 25th November, No. 85, will have informed the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the French and English combined expedition, consisting of the vessels named in the margin,* respectively commanded by Captain Hotham, of H. M. steam frigate Gorgon, and Captain Tréhouart, of the French frigate Erigone, had commenced the ascent of the river Parana, agreeably to the decision come to by the Mediating Ministers at a Séance, held on the 5th October,

* *French.*

San Martin, 8 guns, Captain Tréhouart.
Fulton, steam vessel, 2 guns, Lieutenant Mazeret.
Expeditive, 16 guns, Lieutenant de Miniac.
Paudour, 10 guns, Lieutenant Du Paie.
Proceda, tender, 4 guns, Lieutenant de la Riviere.

English.

Gorgon, steam frigate, Captain C. Hotham.
Firebrand, steam frigate, Captain J. Hope.
Philomel, surveying brig, Commander B. J. Sullivan.
Comus, 18 guns, Acting Commander E. A. Inglefield.
Dolphin, brigantine, Lieutenant R. Levinge.
Fanny, tender, Lieutenant A. C. Key.

for the purpose of opening that channel of commerce ; successive strong gales, and various other circumstances, prevented the expedition from assembling at the appointed rendezvous off the Guassu (one of the mouths of the Parana), so soon as was intended, and consequently the entering the river did not take place till the 8th instant, when it began to ascend, and on the 18th instant arrived within three miles of the defences. General Rosas had caused to be thrown up at Punta Obligado (on the right bank of the river, about 100 miles from the entrance, and 30 miles below the city of San Nicolas), to oppose their passing, which it appears were constructed with great military skill, and the position of the batteries admirably selected on advantageous ground, being supported by the presence of at least 3500 troops of all arms, every appearance indicating a determined resistance, which, however, did not deter the gallant commanders of our little squadrons from deciding on an immediate attack ; and I have now the gratification of transmitting to you, for their Lordships' information, a copy of the report I have received from Captain Hotham, detailing the successful issue of the conflict that ensued on the 20th, ending in the complete destruction of the enemy's batteries;—a schooner of war (mounting 6 guns), the 24 vessels chained across the river, all the guns found on the fortifications, except 10 brass guns, which were taken off to the ships.