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Admiralty, August 6, 1852.

DESPATCHES have been received at this Office, from Commodore Lambert, of Her Majesty's ship Fox, of which the following are copies :

OPERATIONS IN BURMAH.

No. 27.

Sir,

Fox, at Rangoon, May 11, 1852.

I HAVE the honour to request you may be pleased to inform the Lords of the Admiralty that, on the 2nd instant, I despatched the Honourable East India Company's steamer Phlegethon, commanded by Mr. G. T. Niblett, and the barge of Her Majesty's ship Fox, in charge of Acting Lieutenant John R. Lawrence, to the great entrance of the Irrawaddy, to try and effect a passage through the Panlang branch.

2. On the morning of the 11th, the barge returned; and Mr. Lawrence reported that they had advanced as far as Yangernsiah, where the water shoaled so considerably that the Phlegethon could not cross into the Panlang branch; the barge, however, was enabled to do so, and proceeded down into the Rangoon river, in order that I might be acquainted with the result, and the cause of the steamer's long absence.

It is with much satisfaction I learn that the object of the expedition has been accomplished.

3. I have further to request you may be pleased to inform their Lordships that, on the Phlegethon and the Fox's barge arriving off Yangernsiah, they discovered the Governor at Dalla, retreating with eight armed boats; chase was immediately given, and, on coming up with them, the enemy ran on shore, leaving their boats, in one of which was the Governor's wife, with her attendants; they also abandoned a quantity of treasure, and most of their arms.

The treasure captured amounted to eleven thousand rupees; the arms, which consisted of muskets and swords, were destroyed; and the boats, with the women, were allowed to proceed.

I have, &c.

(Signed) **GEORGE LAMBERT.**

A. Stafford, Esq. M.P.

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Capture of the City of Bassein.

No. 28.

Sir,

*Her Majesty's Ship Fox's Boat,
at Bassein, 20th May 1852.*

I REQUEST you may be pleased to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that

the Lieutenant-General commanding the forces in Burmah, having communicated his wish to make an attack on the city of Bassein, I placed a squadron of four steamers at his disposal for the service.

2. On the morning of the 17th instant, Lieutenant-General Godwin, C.B. the Commander of the Forces, embarked in a squadron, with four hundred of Her Majesty's 51st Regiment, three hundred of the 9th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, sixty Sappers and Miners, the Royal Marines, and a detachment of seamen, with a field gun from Her Majesty's ship Fox.

3. I left the naval force at Rangoon in charge of Commander Tarleton, with the Fox, and went with my boat to the Tenasserim, in which steamer I hoisted my broad pendant, and put to sea at two o'clock in the afternoon with the steamers named in the enclosure marked A. The Lieutenant-General accompanied me in the Tenasserim.

4. On the evening of the 18th, we anchored off the island of Negrais, at the entrance of the Bassein River, where the Pluto joined us. I had sent her on from Rangoon a day previously, as her small power could not have enabled her to keep up with the steam frigates.

5. At daylight on the 19th, the squadron weighed, and proceeded up the river; the Pluto, from her light draught, being ahead, showing the soundings. The Tenasserim led, followed by the Sesostris and Mozuffer at half a cable's length distant.

6. At a few minutes after four o'clock in the afternoon, the fortifications of Bassein appeared in sight, consisting of a very extensive mud fort and a long line of stockade, on the left bank, on which the city stands, and a strong stockade round the pagoda, with a brick parapet fronting the river. Then, in an admirable position on the right bank, stood a very large stockade, mounting several cannon.

The enemy permitted the squadron to approach unmolested.

7. At half past four, when abreast the stockades, I made the signal to anchor; immediately afterwards Lieutenant-General Godwin expressed his wish to land the troops, which was effected in perfect order in a very short period. They had scarcely formed under the Lieutenant-General's directions, when a heavy fire was opened both with cannon and musketry from the various stockades, which was instantly answered by a cheer from the party landed, who stormed and carried the Pagoda.