

cation required by the Public Health Act, 1848, to be given by owners of property, in order to entitle them to vote at the said first election, shall be given to the said Charles Burney, at his residence, the Vicarage, situate within the aforesaid district of Halstead, or in case he should refuse, or be unable to receive the same, then to the said George de Horne Vaizey, at his residence, Constanstyns, likewise within the district aforesaid.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*

*India Board, December 2nd, 1852.*

A DESPATCH, from which the following is an extract, has been this day received at the East India House :—

*From the Governor-General of India in Council to the Secret Committee of the East India Company, dated Fort William, October 25, 1852.*

From the General Order, and the despatches published on the 23rd instant, you will learn with satisfaction of the capture of Prome, on the 9th and 10th idem, with but a trifling loss on our side.

#### GENERAL ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

*Fort William, Foreign Department, October 23rd, 1852.*

THE Most Noble the Governor-General in Council has much gratification in publishing for general information, despatches received from Commodore Lambert and from Major-General Godwin, which report the capture and occupation of the city of Prome, after some resistance, and with comparatively trifling loss.

The steam squadron and the boats of Her Majesty's ships, conveying the troops upon the Irrawaddy, anchored off Prome on the 9th of October. A fire from the shore was silenced by the fire of the steamers and of the boats. The troops having been landed, drove the enemy, some three or four thousand strong, from the suburbs; and on subsequently advancing to the great pagoda and to the heights beyond, they found the position wholly abandoned by the Burman force.

The Governor-General in Council desires to express in the strongest terms his obligations to Commodore Lambert, for the care, the energy and unwearied zeal which he has shown in directing the naval preparations for advance, and which have conduced so largely to the early and successful renewal of operations in the field.

His lordship in council begs to offer his thanks to Captain Loch, and to Commander Shadwell, for their conduct of the service on the river; and to Commander Rice, for his direction of the body of seamen upon shore.

His thanks are also due to Commander Campbell, of the Indian navy, whose merit has been acknowledged by the Commodore.

The Governor-General in Council has viewed with high approbation the services of the officers and men, who, upon this occasion and for several months past, have been employed in boats upon the river, subjected to severe exposure, and engaged in harassing duties, which they have performed with the utmost alacrity and cheerfulness, and with conspicuous advantage to the public service.

To the officers, seamen, and marines of Her Majesty's ships, of the Indian navy, and of the Bengal marine, who have been serving upon the Irrawaddy, and to Commander Tarleton, who long commanded them, the Governor-General in Council is desirous of offering his hearty thanks.

The Governor-General in Council has in like manner to assure Major-General Godwin of the satisfaction with which he has viewed the skill and judgment by which the Major-General enabled the troops to obtain possession of an important post, without delay, and with but little loss.

To Major Mayhew, Deputy Adjutant-General; to Major Allan, Deputy Quarter-Master-General; to Captain Smith, Interpreter; to Captain Burne, Military Secretary; and Captain Chads, A. D. C. the Governor-General in Council tenders his thanks.

Especially to Captain Christie and to Captain Welsh, of Her Majesty's 80th Regiment, for the gallant manner in which they led their men to the attack, and to all the officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers of the force, the Governor-General in Council desires to give assurance of his cordial approbation.

While thus congratulating the naval and military forces on the first result of their advance, the Governor-General in Council feels it to be due to the memory of an old and gallant sailor, that he should add a public expression of the deep regret with which he has received intimation of the death of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's ships in the Indian Seas.

Although Admiral Austen did not survive to witness the successful conclusion of the operations in which he had shared, the Governor-General in Council desires to record his admiration of the staunch high spirit which, notwithstanding his age and previous suffering, had led the Rear-Admiral to take his part in the trying service which has closed his career.

His Excellency Rear-Admiral Austen has afforded to the Government of India at all times a cordial and constant aid.

The Governor-General in Council has been grateful for his services, and laments his death.

C. ALLEN,

Secretary to the Government of India.

*Commodore Lambert, R.N., to Charles Allen, Esq.*

*H.M.S. Fox's Boat, on Board the Fire Queen, at Prome, October 11th, 1852.*

SIR,

I REQUEST you may be pleased to inform the Governor-General in Council that, having embarked on board the East India Company's steam vessels under my orders H.M. 18th and 80th Regiments, the 35th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, a detachment of Sappers and Miners, and of the Bengal Artillery with their field guns, I despatched them as they were ready to rendezvous off Yangernsiah, a town situated at the upper end of the Panglang Creek, which joins the Irrawaddy to the Rangoon River.

2. The Commissariat, Ordnance, and Engineers' stores, and about 1000 followers attached to the regiments, were conveyed in the steamers, large Burmese cargo boats, five small schooners and a barque.

The cargo boats, manned by Burmese crews, advanced in three divisions under convoy of the barges and pinnaces of Her Majesty's ships, Fox, Winchester, and Hastings; the barque and schooners were towed by the steamers.

3. These arrangements being completed, I left Rangoon on the 24th ultimo, and Major-General Godwin joined me on the following day at Yangernsiah.

4. Having hoisted my broad pendant on board the Fire Queen, the steamer in which the Major-General embarked, I weighed from Yangernsiah