

on September 27th with the steam squadron specified in enclosure No. 1, and proceeded up the Irrawaddy to Prome, calling at Henzadah on my way.

5. On the morning of the 9th of October Prome was in sight, and on the squadron nearing the city, the enemy opened fire with a couple of guns and musketry, which was returned by the steamers as we proceeded into the bay, where I anchored in a convenient position abreast of the town for landing the troops.

6. The enemy continuing to keep up a fire after we had anchored, I sent the boats of the squadron, under the command of Captain Loch, C.B., of Her Majesty's ship Winchester, to throw in a few shells and canister shot amongst them, which had the effect of silencing it for a time, although they kept up a very spirited fire on the boats, which wounded two seamen.

7. They then brought a gun down abreast of the Fire Queen, but had only time to give us one shot before it was dismounted by the fire from the steamers, which effectually cleared a landing place.

8. Major-General Godwin now expressed his wish to land the 80th Regiment and a party of artillery with two guns, at half-past 4, which was effected without any opposition, and the lower town cleared of the enemy.

9. At daylight next morning the remainder of the troops were landed, and a brigade of 50 seamen being formed under Commander Rice, at the Major-General's request, to assist in working the guns, the pagoda and other parts of the city were taken possession of, the Burmese flying as the forces advanced.

10. Thus the important city of Prome was occupied by British troops with the trifling loss of one killed and three wounded on the part of the army, while in the squadron only four were wounded, who are named in enclosure No. 2.

11. My thanks are due to Captain Loch, C.B., for the assistance he rendered me throughout these operations, also to Commanders Shadwell and Rice, of Her Majesty's ships Sphinx and Hastings, the former for his unremitting attentions to the instructions I had sent him previously to my entering the Irrawaddy, and to the latter officer for the part he took when on shore with the brigade of seamen. Nor can I speak too highly of Commander Campbell, the officers and men of the Indian navy and Bengal marine.

The skill and perseverance displayed by the officers and men belonging to the boats appointed to convoy the cargo-boats from Rangoon to Prome, a distance of more than 200 miles, against a rapid stream, exposed occasionally to a fire from the enemy, is deserving of my highest praise.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE R. LAMBERT,  
Commodore 1st Class, Commander-in-Chief.

Enclosure No. 1 in Commodore Lambert's Letter, dated 11th October 1852.

*A List of the Naval Force employed at the Occupation of the City of Prome, under the Command of Commodore Lambert, on the 9th and 10th of October 1852.*

Fire Queen, Bengal Marine, (broad pendant of the Commodore), 8 guns, S. G. Boon, Commander. On board—Commodore George R. Lambert, commanding the East India and China Station; J. L. Southey, Esq. Secretary; Lieutenant George Rice, R.N. Flag Lieutenant; Mr. Cottam, Midshipman, and the gig's crew of H.M.S. Fox.

Enterprise, Bengal Marine, 6 guns, G. T. Neblett, Commander. On board—Captain G. G.

Loch, C.B.; the Hon. Mr. Lascelles, Midshipman and the gig's crew of H.M.S. Winchester.

Mahanuddy, Bengal Marine, 4 guns, J. Simson, Commander. On board—Commander C. F. A. Shadwell; His Serene Highness Prince Ernest of Leiningen, Midshipman; and the gig's crew of H.M.S. Sphinx.

Sesostris, Indian Navy, 5 guns, Commander C. D. Campbell, I.N. steam frigate, with two 8-inch guns.

Medusa, Indian Navy, 6 guns, Lieutenant Fraser, N.I.

Nemesis, Bengal Marine, 6 guns, R. Goodwin, Commander.

Proserpine, Bengal Marine, 6 guns, A. Brook- ing, Commander.

Phlegethon, Bengal Marine, 6 guns, A. Fryer, Commander.

*Boats of the Squadron conveying cargo-boats laden with stores and provisions, under the Command of Commander E. B. Rice, of H.M.S. Hastings.*

H.M.S. Fox, barge and pinnace, 2 guns.

H.M.S. Winchester, barge and pinnace, 2 guns.

H.M.S. Hastings, launch and gig, 1 gun.

H.M.S. Sphinx, pinnace, 1 gun.

*Officers employed in these Boats.*

Mr. Copland, Mate; Mr. Lucas, Midshipman; Mr. Hudson, Midshipman, H.M.S. Fox, under the superintendence of Lieutenant Rice.

Lieutenants H. S. Hillyar and R. B. Pearse; Messrs. Round and Wilson and the Baron Van Otter, Mates; and Mr. Slade, Assistant Surgeon, H.M.S. Winchester.

Mr. Nott, Acting Mate, and Lieutenant Holland, Royal Marines, H.M.S. Hastings. Mr. Smith, Midshipman, H.M.S. Sphinx.

N.B.—The launch, 2nd pinnace, and cutter of H.M.S. Fox, under Lieutenants Kennedy and Mason, and launch of H.M.S. Winchester, assisted in conveying as far as Henzadah; and the barge and pinnace of H.M.S. Hastings, with Mr. Davidson, Acting Mate, and Mr. Luttrell, Midshipman, and Dr. Woods, M.A. M.D. Assistant Surgeon on board, under the superintendence of Lieutenant Edye, from Henzadah to Prome.

GEORGE R. LAMBERT,  
Commodore.

Enclosure No. 2 in Commodore Lambert's Letter, Dated 11th October 1852.

*List of Wounded in the Flotilla, under the Command of Commodore Lambert, at Prome, 9th October 1852.*

H.M.S. Fox's barge, David Reid, A. B.

H.M.S. Winchester's pinnace, David Evens, A.B.

E.I.C. S.V. Mahanuddy, 2 natives of India.

GEORGE R. LAMBERT,  
Commodore.

*Major-General Godwin to C. Allen, Esq.*

Sir, Prome, October 12, 1852.

THE Governor-General in Council was aware of my intention, at the proper season, when the monsoon here had in some measure subsided, to break up the Army at Rangoon, and remove its head-quarters to Prome.

I have now the honour to inform you that the first division of this force is in possession of that city.

After some weeks of preparation, the embarka-