

Order issued by your Majesty in Council ratifying the same :

" And whereas all the lands, tenements, hereditaments, and endowments formerly belonging to the said archdeaconry (except any right of ecclesiastical patronage), became vested in us by virtue of an Order of your Majesty in Council, bearing date the fourth day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and duly published in the London Gazette of the tenth day of December instant, subject to any legally subsisting lease or leases thereof :

" And whereas application has been made to us for the purchase of all our estate and interest in certain portions of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments; and, after due consideration, it appears to us to be expedient that we should be empowered to dispose of our interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, in such manner as shall appear to us to be advisable :

" We, therefore, humbly recommend and propose, that we may be authorized and empowered, by instrument or instruments in writing duly executed according to law, from time to time to sell, and duly to convey, according to the provisions of the said Act, all or any of the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, or endowments heretofore belonging to the said archdeaconry of Canterbury, and so vested in us as aforesaid, with their appurtenances, and all our estate, right, title, and interest therein, or in any part or parts thereof, unto and to the use of any person or persons desirous or willing to purchase the same, and his or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, or otherwise, as he or they shall direct or appoint, and for such consideration as shall, upon due calculation and inquiry, appear to us to be just and reasonable.

" And we further recommend and propose, that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, or of any other Act of Parliament."

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same, and every part thereof, shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette, pursuant to the said Act; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the diocese of Canterbury.

C. C. Greville.

Admiralty, 30th December 1852.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is a copy, has been received at this office from Commodore Lambert, dated the 14th November 1852.

No. 81.

#### OPERATIONS IN THE IRRAWADDY RIVER.

Sir, Fox's boat, at Promé, 14 Nov. 1852.

I REQUEST you may be pleased to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that on the morning of the 2nd instant I left Rangoon for the Irrawaddy River, but after proceeding through the Panlang creek, I found that the steamers I had previously sent on were not able to cross the bar at Yangensiah, therefore I trans-

ferred the troops they had on board to the small steamers, which had just then joined me, and directed the larger ones to return to Rangoon, with orders to enter the Irrawaddy, by the way of the China Bukeer, which has been effected.

2. The inclosures numbered from 1 to 5 will place their lordships in possession of the operations which have been conducted by Captain Loch, C.B., of Her Majesty's ship Winchester, and Commander Shadwell, of Her Majesty's steam-sloop Sphynx; the latter officer's proceedings have been confined to the lower part of the Irrawaddy, and latterly entirely to Henzadah.

3. It is my intention that Commander Wainwright, of the Winchester, shall relieve Commander Shadwell, who has now been some time employed in these arduous duties.

4. I shall not comment on the energy and spirit displayed by Captain Loch, for it is apparent that the service he has rendered is brilliant and useful, and my lords will, I am sure, express their satisfaction at his conduct.

5. I have stationed the Enterprise steamer off Aboukton, and the general has placed sixty men on board her, to drive away the enemy, should they again make their appearance.

6. The navigation of the Irrawaddy is now intricate, and requires care, owing to the shallowness of the water in many parts; but, by proper attention, the small steamers will find no difficulty in proceeding up and down the river, and the boats under convoy can at all times keep up a supply of provisions and stores; though I have suggested it would be desirable if a small military force occupied the two or three stations on the banks, for the purpose of protecting the people who supply the steamers with wood, &c., from the bands of troops, or Dacoits, which are continually lurking in the neighbourhood.

7. It is my intention to return to Rangoon tomorrow.

I have the honour, &c.

GEORGE R. LAMBERT,

Commodore First Class,

Commander-in-Chief.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty,

&c., &c., &c.

Inclosure No. 1 in No. 81.

Her Majesty's steam-sloop *Sphinx's pinnace*,  
Henzadale, 1st Nov. 1852.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that after the detachment of the 40th Bengal Native Infantry, under command of Captain A. Becher, were left at this place on the 29th ultimo, in pursuance of the arrangements of Captain Loch, Captain Becher and myself having reconnoitred the ground in rear of the town, and having collected information from the headman, determined on removing his men to a Pongi house, nearly in the rear of the centre of the town, and according to present information, facing the advanced posts of the Dacoits.

On Saturday evening I advanced the marines to the Pongi house on the left of our position, which had previously been occupied by the sepoy.

I may observe, *en passant*, that a paved road running "fore and aft" the town, parallel to the bank of the river in rear of these two positions, afforded the means of retreat, if necessary, to the boats.

Arrangements were made with the headman, Moung-Gon-Glay, to station his armed men in intermediate stations between these two positions (which are about a mile and a half apart), so as to keep up the communication, and also to keep armed parties on our flanks.

This morning, at 8-30 A.M., I received a message