

you may rest assured, that the extreme measures taken were positively requisite for the safety of the community.

List of Officers engaged in the destruction of Chinese Imperialist Camps off Shanghai, on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th days of April, 1854.

Captain G. W. D. O'Callaghan.
Lieutenant R. Dew.
Lieutenant L. E. Montgomery.
Dr. J. T. Jenkins, Surgeon.
Mr. Hardy, Mate.
Mr. Butler, Mate.
Mr. Duckett, Assistant-Surgeon.
Mr. Turner, Passed Clerk (Acting as Aide-Camp to the Senior Officer):
Mr. Hardinge, Midshipman.
Mr. Tupman, Naval Cadet.
Mr. Pardon, Gunner.

Her Majesty's ship Grecian.

Commander the Hon. G. D. Keane.
Lieutenant Majendie.
Dr. Layton, Surgeon.
Dr. Little, Assistant-Surgeon.
Mr. Jardine, Mate.
Mr. Rusden, Acting Second-Master.
Mr. Williams, Midshipman.
Mr. Thursby, Midshipman.
Mr. Kelly, Passed Clerk.
Mr. Mankey, Gunner.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. O'CALLAGHAN, Captain
and Senior Officer.

Sub-Enclosure in Enclosure No. 1, in No. 23.

List of killed and wounded in an attack on the Chinese Imperialists Camp, off Shanghai, April 4, 1854.

Her Majesty's ship Encounter.

Lieutenant R. Dew, slightly.
Mr. Tupman, Naval Cadet, slightly.
Wm. Blackman, Carpenter's Crew, killed.
Wm. Stevens, Ordinary, slightly.

Her Majesty's ship Grecian.

Jno. Badge, A.B., severely.
Henry Wilcox, Quartermaster, severely.
Henry Nichol, Marine, severely (arm amputated).
Geo. Bailey, Captain Foretop, severely.

Shanghai Volunteers.

Mr. Brine, mortally.
Mr. Grey, very severely (thigh amputated).

United States' ship Plymouth.

1 killed; 4 wounded.

Total ... Killed—2; wounded—13.

(Signed) JNO. T. JENKINS,
Senior Surgeon, H.M.S. Encounter.

Approved.

(Signed) G. O'CALLAGHAN,
Captain and Senior Officer.

Enclosure No. 8, of No. 26.

*Barracouta, Singapore,
April 28, 1854.*

SIR,

I RECEIVED on the 22nd your reports, dated on the 4th and 5th instant, written from the scene of action, describing the operations and arrangements in which you had been engaged up to the latest of those dates, and containing explanations of some of the circumstances which had

led to the very serious collisions you describe, with the forces of an Empire at peace with Her Majesty.

On a full review of those communications, it is my duty to point out, that it belongs to the Crown alone to declare war; and that the orders and instructions of the Admiralty prohibit the commission of acts of hostility towards the subjects of foreign countries, and that Naval Officers will be held most strictly responsible for any departure from the line of duty thus marked out.

In the particular case comprised in your reports, it is clear that the seizure of the Chinese camps and junks were acts of hostility against the public forces of a State, not only at peace with the Crown, but towards whom we are enjoined to shew the utmost consideration. No such acts can be justified on the ground that they were recommended or called for by any Consular Officer. They can only be justified by the immediate and unavoidable necessities of your position at the time, and it is by the proof you adduce of the existence of such necessities, that the Admiralty will judge of the propriety of such a departure from its positive injunctions.

I have considered, as it is my duty to do, the circumstances you relate, and I am bound to acknowledge that they appear to have been such as to have left you no alternative, consistent with the safety of the interests you had been ordered to protect, but to pursue the course you took upon the 3rd and 4th instant; but I must apprise you, that in cases of this nature, it is not for me to pronounce a conclusive judgment.

With respect to the measures you took for effecting the objects you had in view, supposing these to have been justifiable, I am at liberty to form a more decided opinion; and I have, therefore, to inform you that your personal conduct, and that of the gallant captain, officers, and men who co-operated with you from the United States' ship Plymouth, and the conduct of Commander Keane, and of Lieutenants Dew, Hemsted, Majendie, and Montgomery, and of the seamen and marines, and gentlemen-volunteers engaged on the occasions referred to, has elicited my warmest admiration; and I shall take an opportunity to bring to the notice of the Admiralty the names of the officers you particularly mention, and of the 10 marines who so resolutely withstood the attacks of a very superior force upon the 3rd of the month.

I am, &c.

(Signed) J. STIRLING,
Rear-Admiral, Commander-in-Chief.
Captain G. W. D. O'Callaghan,
H.M.S. Encounter.

Admiralty, June 14, 1854.

DESPATCHES, of which the following are copies, have been received from Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Napier, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Baltic.

ENCLOSING a Copy of Captain Key's Despatch (and reply thereto), relative to the capture of Libau.

*Duke of Wellington, Hango Head,
May 30, 1854.*

SIR,

I REQUEST you will lay before their Lordships the enclosed copy of a despatch I have received from Captain Key, of the Amphion, senior officer on the coast of Courland and Livonia, giving an account of the measures he adopted to effect the surrender of the town of Libau, and