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*Admiralty, June 29, 1854.*

**D**ESPATCHES, of which the following are copies or extracts, have been received from Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Napier, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Baltic:—

ENCLOSING Admiral Plumridge's Report of his proceedings in the Gulf of Bothnia.

No. 151. *Duke of Wellington, Baro Sound, June 18, 1854.*

I BEG leave to enclose Admiral Plumridge's Report of his proceedings in the Gulf of Bothnia, from the 5th May to the 10th June, by which their Lordships will observe that he has destroyed forty-six vessels, afloat and on the stocks, amounting to 11,000 tons; from 40,000 to 50,000 barrels of pitch and tar; 60,000 square yards of rough pitch; a great number of stacks of timber, spars, plank, and deals, sails, rope, and various kinds of naval stores, to the amount of from 3 to £400,000, without the loss of a man. Admiral Plumridge has had to contend with innumerable rocks and shoals, incorrectly laid down in the charts, and met the ice up to the 30th May; nevertheless, though several of his squadron have touched the ground, I am happy to say they have received no damage that he is not able to repair with his own means.

2. The Rear-Admiral, their Lordships will observe, speaks in the highest terms of the captains, officers, seamen, and marines, and particularly of Lieutenant B. P. Priest, the first lieutenant of the *Leopard*, an old and deserving officer, and of Lieutenant Hammet, his flag lieutenant.

I have, &c.

CHAS. NAPIER, Vice-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

*The Secretary of the Admiralty.*

Enclosure No. 1, in Sir Charles Napier's Letter, No. 151.

*Her Majesty's ship Leopard, at Sea, 10th June, 1854—lat. 64° 1' N; long. 22° 41' E. At noon.*

SIR,

IN obedience to your orders of 5th May, 1854, I proceeded with the squadron under my command to examine, as far as practicable, the Island of *Aland*, but not being able to procure a pilot, I found the hazard too great to proceed further in the execution of that duty; the reports of Captains Buckle and Giffard, numbered 1 and 2, will

more fully inform you of the result and termination, for the present, of that service.

From thence I proceeded up the Gulf of Bothnia, and I have now the honour herewith to transmit letters and papers, numbered from 3 to 6, giving a detailed account of the squadron's proceedings up to the date hereof.

The summary of the large amount of mischief done to the enemy by the boats, as per margin, and the paper lettered A.

*Boats of Leopard employed at Brahestad, Uleaborg, and Tornea.*

1st Gig—

Lieutenant B. P. Priest.  
Mr. Terence H. Wall, assistant-surgeon.  
Mr. James Ray, passed clerk.

1st Cutter—

Lieutenant L. U. Hammet.  
Mr. Richard Harington, midshipman.

Galley—

Lieutenant William Graham.  
Mr. H. St. L. Palliser, naval cadet.

Barge—

Lieutenant G. W. E. Lloyd.  
Mr. Arthur Salwey, mate.

1st Launch—

Mr. Henry G. Payne, mate.  
Lieutenant E. D. Thelwall, R.M.A.

Pinnace—

Mr. James Laurence, second master.  
Mr. W. D. M. Dalbin, naval cadet.

2nd Gig—

Mr. J. G. O'Connell, master's assistant.

2nd Cutter—

Mr. Augustus Jacob, naval cadet.

*Valorous' Boats at Uleaborg and Tornea.*

1st Launch—

Lieutenant C. B. C. Dent.  
Lieutenant W. S. Davis, R.M.A.

Pinnace—

Mr. R. F. Broadrick, mate.

1st Cutter—

Mr. M. A. S. Hare, midshipman.

1st Gig—

Mr. J. R. Trefusis, naval cadet.  
Mr. W. Ray (M.D.) assistant-surgeon.

2nd Gig—

Mr. J. Bailey, cadet.